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William & Mary College Quarterly Vol.5 page 117 note 1-  
Jean Marot came to Virginia in the Huguenot emigration  
in 1700 Virginia Historical Society Collection Vol.V, Page 24.  
He was in 1704 secretary of Col. William Byrd at Westover,  
and was then 27 years old. The next year he obtained a  
license to keep an Ordinary at Williamsburg. He married  
Anne \_\_\_\_\_, and his will was proved in York County Court  
in 1717, his inventory showing a large estate. His will  
shows that he had issue : Edith, Anne, Rachel. His widow,  
Anne, married Timothy Sullivant. Jean Marot was killed by  
one Francis Sharpe. Edith Marot married Samuel Cobbs, first  
of York County, and then of Amelia.

Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine Volume  
II page 272 - John Marot of Williamsburgh in the County of  
York. Will proved December 16, 1717, made August 31, 1717.  
He leaves legacies to his wife and three daughters Edith,  
Anne and Rachel. Edith married Samuel Cobbs, Anne married  
James Inglis and secondly James Shields, and Rachel married  
Richard Pooker.

Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine Vol.  
II page 282. Marot - Clement Marot, in the 16th Century,  
voiced the spirit in verse of the Huguenots, and his hymns  
were very popular. One of the family named Jean Marot came  
to Virginia in 1700 and in 1704 was in the employment of  
William Byrd of Westover, probably as secretary. He was then  
27 years old. The next year he settled in Williamsburg, where  
he obtained a license to keep ordinary. He made his will



August 31, 1717, which was proved in York County December 16, 1717. His death appears to have been brought about by the violence of one Francis Sharpe, who was arrested and remanded to the public jail at Williamsburg November 18, 1717, for the murder of John Marot. He left a considerable personal estate valued at £b. 904. 11.1. By his wife Anne who married, 2ndly, Timothy Sullivan and moved to Amelia County, he had three daughters, Edith who married Samuel Cobbs; Anne, who married 1st James Inglis, 2nd James Shields, and Rachel who married Richard Pecker of Amelia County. Anne, the daughter of James Shields of York County, married Robert Armistead of King's Creek and had Mary Marot, who married Judge John Tyler, father of President John Tyler.

Huguenot Emigration to Virginia and to the Settlement at Manakin-Town, Edited and Compiled for the Virginia Historical Society by R.A. Brock, Vol. V, page 24 lists the name of Jean Marot under " Liste Des Personnes du second convoy qui seront toute l'annee a Manicanton." (List of Persons of second convoy who will be all the year at Manakintown.) Same volume page 14 - List of all ye Passengers From London to James River in Virginia being FRENCH Refugees Imbarqued in the Ship Ye Peter and Anthony Galley of London, Daniel Perreau Commander (viz 'T) 1700 lists a Guilleaume Fullet (probably Roulet or Rowlett) ancestor of Elizabeth Rowlett wife of Ellery Rison, Revolutionary soldier. (see Rison Family Records, Genealogical Records of Arkansas DAR 1927-1928 page 38.



Huguenot Emigration to Virginia and to the Settlement at  
Manakin-Town- Edited and Compiled by R.A.Brock Vol.V  
page 8 note 2

Colonel William Byrd, the first of his name and family in  
Virginia was born in 1652 and came to Virginia as a youth  
as the legatee of his uncle, Captain Thomas Stegge, landed  
proprietor and member of Council.

page 25 - Here enclosed is a copy of ye List of ye Refugees  
given to ye Miller as it has been sent unto mee by Messrs.  
de Joux and Philipe under their hands ; but there is no corn,  
and Mr. de Saillee lying here sick since he came from West-  
opher, and having already provided all what he could, cannot  
supply them any longer; so I don't know what to do unless  
some care to send some corn up be taken. I heard that Yr  
Excellency hath our Indenture of the Lands we have purchased  
in Florida; so I desire y'r Exc'y to send it up to mee,keep-  
ing a copie if you please, because it cost us a great deal  
of money, which we expect to recover, or part of it.

I wish also that ye Factious and Scandalous Petition presented  
by Mr. de Joux be delivered unto me if you please , or burnt,  
to pacifie all what is past, avoid complaints and disputes,  
and to procure Peace & Love. Mr. Philipe, having no allowance  
in England is not able to subsist with his wife, unless your  
Exc'y grant him some money out of the gratifications made to  
the refugees which shall be a Charity very great and necessary.  
I desire Coll. Byrd to lett me know if I can have accommoda-  
tions to go to England in one of ye Ships lying by Westopher;



afte ~~x~~ his answer I shall endeavor to go to Williamsburgh to take my leave, as I assure your Excellency that I will ever be, S'r, Y'r Exc'y's most humble and most obed't serv't,

Olivier de la Huze

Ye 15th of Ffeb. 1700 (1701)

to his Ex'cy Ffrancis Nicholson, Esq. his Majy's L't and Gov'r Gen'l of Virginia at Williamsburgh.

Continuing in same volume on Page 29 by R.A. Brock -  
Rolls des Francois, Suisses, Genevois, Alemans et Flamans  
Embargue Dam La Navire Nemme Le Nasseau Pour aller a la Virginie  
page 33 lists Jean Pasteur also Charles Pasteur and sa femme.  
( tradition handed down has it that the family name of Anne, wife of Jean Marot was Pasteur)

note; The apothecary shop of Jean Pasteur was near the ordinary of Jean Marot on Duke of Gloucester street in Williamsburg and Jean Pasteur signed the Will of Jean Marot.

Quote from R.A.Brock note: the name Pasteur is now invested with world-wide special interest through the recent scientific discoveries of the eminent French chemist in alleviation of the dread malidy, hydrophobia. A curiosity as to his descend may be pardonable. It may be that he springs from the same conscientious strain as the refugee of the text.

Rev. James Pasteur appears as "lecturer" for Norfolk parish, Norfolk county in 1754 (Perry's Church Papers of Virginia, page 413). William Pasteur, a descendant in the second generation, probably of the refugee, was, in 1752 an apprentice with Dr. George Gilmer (surgeon, physician, and apothecary in Williamsburg, Virginia, and the ancestor of the distinguis-



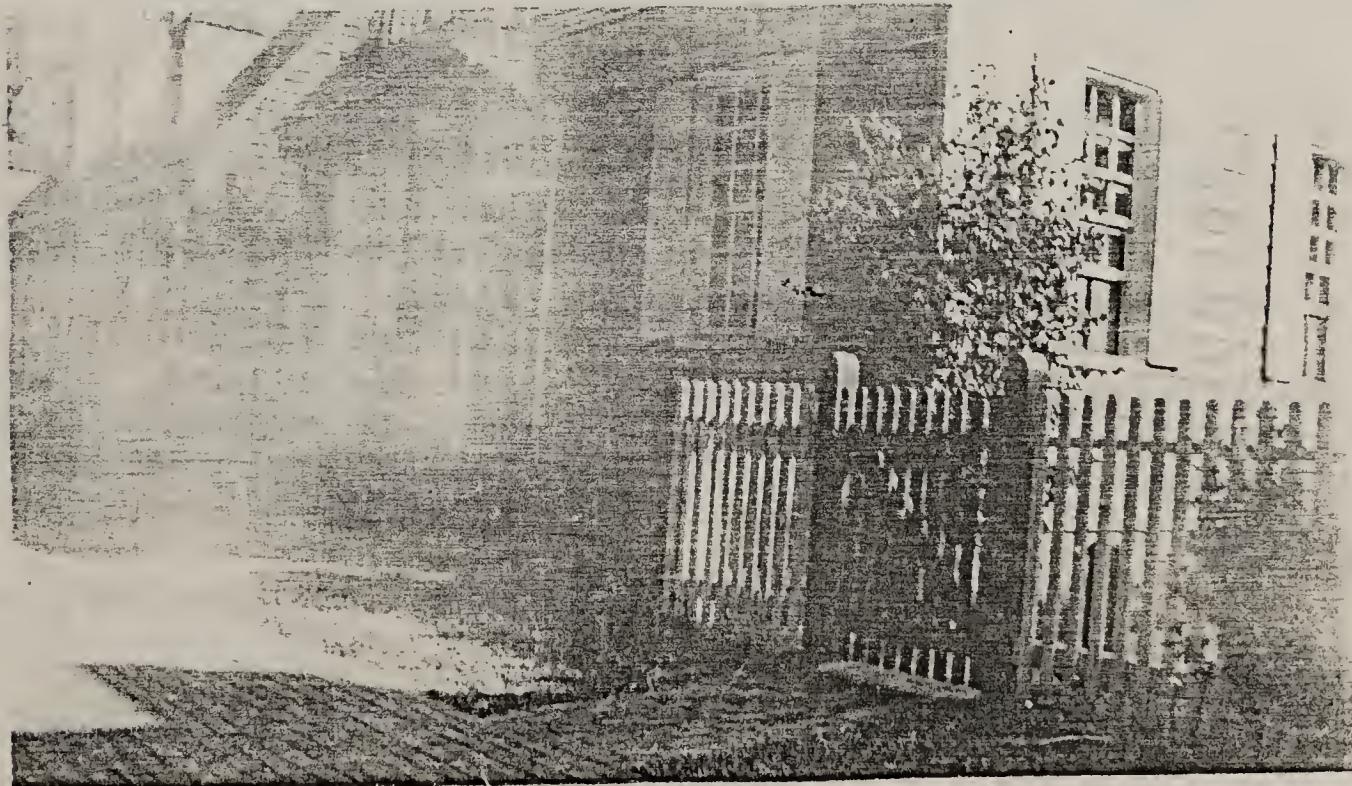
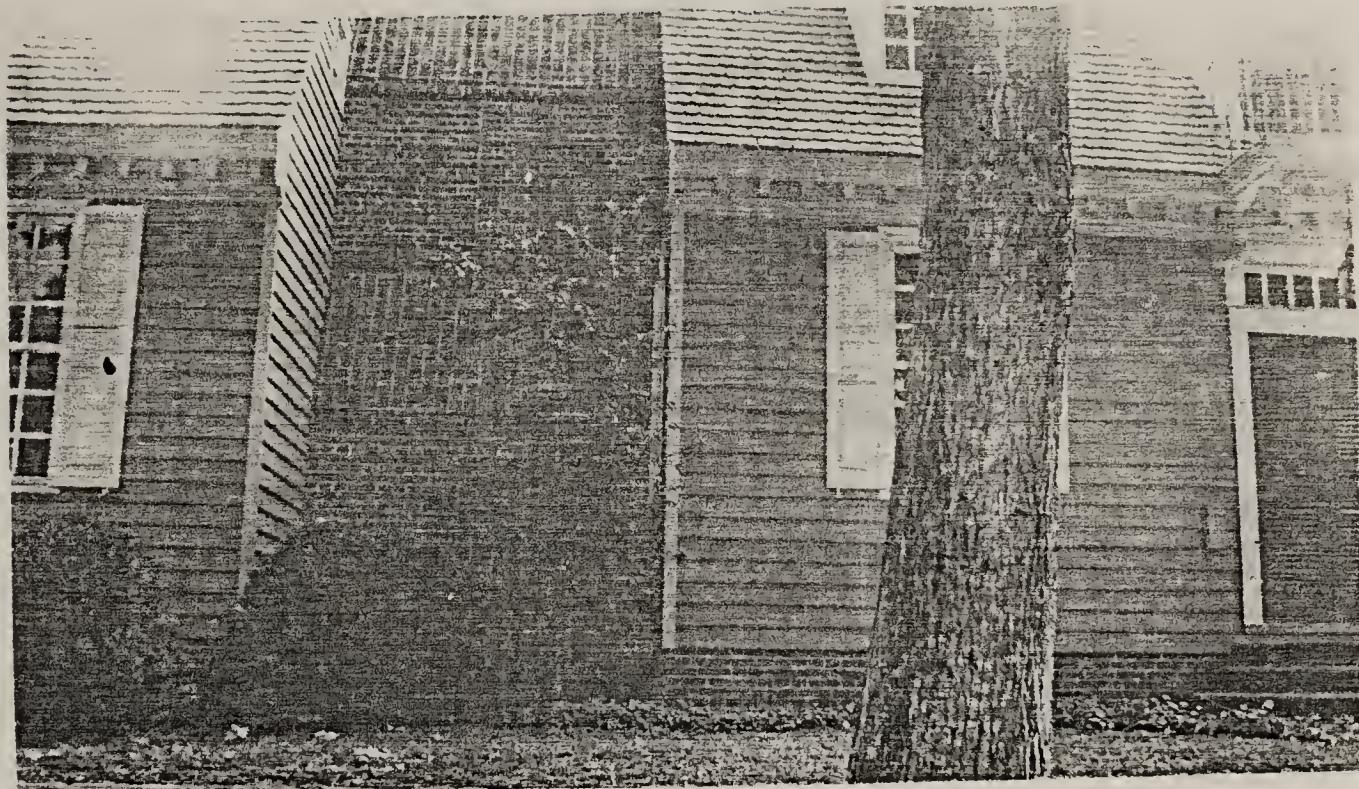
hed Virginia family of the name, and served as a surgeon in the Virginia Line during the Revolutionary War. Documents Chiefly Unpublished relating to the Huguenot Emigration to Virginia and to the Settlement at Manakin-Town with an appendix of Genealogies Presenting Data of the Fontaine, Maury, Dupuy, Trabue, Marye, Chastain, Cocke, and other Families , Edited & Compiled for the Virginia Historical Society by R.A. Brock - Introduction page lx - " They appear to have settled at different points; a portion about Jamestown, some in Norfolk County, others in Surry, and two hundred or more at a spot some twenty miles above Richmond on the south side of James River & now in Powhatan County where ten thousand acres of land, which had been occupied by the extinct Manakin tribe of Indians were given them. Note - Monacan , in the Indian dialect - a war like tribe, who resided from the Falls of James River to "Monocan - Town " and whom Powhatan in vain attempted to subdue ."

Marot's Ordinary located at 56 Duke of Gloucester Street in Williamsburg, Virginia , is a part of the Restoration. March 16, 1958 - Williamsburg, James City and York Counties - Poquoson - Daily Press, Newport News, Warwick- Hampton ,Sunday March 16, 1958, Williamsburg. - "Marot's Ordinary is open this year for the first time to the public. Jean Marot, a Huguenot refugee who came to Virginia in 1700 and was employed by William Byrd I of Westover, ran this ordinary- a tavern serving meals without lodging from about 1707 until 1717 when he was allegedly murdered by another ordinary keeper. The massive



double chimney linking the two sections of the house is unusual. Mr. and Mrs. Lucius D. Battle occupy this house which is located on Duke of Gloucester St."

Two Kodak pictures of this house appear below.





April 25, 1956

Dear Mrs. Blount:

Your letter of April 16 was received with much interest and pleasure, and I hope we will be able to give each other some points of interest about our common ancestor Jean Marot.

Unfortunately at this time I am not able to give you the name of his wife as I only have her first name Ann. I have exhausted all the available information at the Virginia State Library, but I have not yet found the time to browse among the Huguenot papers at the Virginia Historical Society where, I am told, there is the most complete data on the Virginia Huguenots.

I hope to be able to do some research at the Historical Society this week, and any information I run across ~~that~~ that I think may be interesting or helpful to you will be sent on.

My descent is from Ann Marot who married James Shields of York County, and down through the Armisteads, Booths, Tylers and Munfords.

Last fall before I had thought of becoming a member of the Huguenot Society I had the pleasure of attending an all day meeting at the little restored Nanakin Church. I wonder if you have seen it? As you probably know it is replica of the Westover Church; and is very lovely, with many interesting memorials to the Huguenots who founded it.

Genealogical research is fascinating, but I have very little time to indulge in it; however, I hope I will soon be able to send you some additional information.

I wonder if you knew that Jean Marot was murdered by one Francis Sharpe in Williamsburg? I have found a number of references to him in books about William Byrd of Westover, who was also one of my ancestors. Apparently he served as secretary to Byrd almost immediately upon his arrival in Virginia in 1700 and was still employed in that capacity in 1704. Soon after that he must have opened his tavern in Williamsburg. Colonial Williamsburg last year completed restoration of the Marot house which I am most anxious to see.

Thank you again for your most cordial letter.

Sincerely,

*Ester R. Tollefson*

Mrs. Sverre Tollefson  
Midlothian, Va.



York County Va. Orders, Wills, etc. 15, 1716 - 1720 Page 107  
Marot's Bond of Ordinary Lycense Pt. 1

Know all men by these Presents that we, Jno. Marot, Ambr. Cobbs, & James Hubard of the County of York are held firmly bound unto our Sovereign Lord, George by the grace of God of Great Brittain, France & Ireland, King Defender of the faith, in receipt a Sum of Ten Thousand pounds of Gold conveyed in said County of York, Recd of which payment well & truly to be made to our Sovereign Lord and King his heirs and assigns. We bind ourselves & every each of us bind each of our heirs. Executed & admitted jointly and severally firmly by these precepts. Sealed with our Seals dated this 18th day of March 1716.

The condition of this obligation is such that Whereas of  
above boundeth Jno. Marot hath on this day been granted  
him for a lycense to keep an ordinary at his dwelling house  
in Williamsburgh in York County for the year next ensuing.  
If therefore the said Jno. Maroy doth constantly find and  
provide in his ordinary good wholesome & cleanly Lodging &  
Dyet for Travellers & Stabblege food & provender or pastur-  
age & provender (as of season shall require for their horses)  
for & during the term of one year and shall not permit any  
unlawful gaming in his house nor on the Sabbath Day suffer  
any person to tipple or drink more than is necessary then  
this obligation to be void or else to remain in full force  
& virtue.

At a Court held for York County      Jean Marot      Seal  
18th March 1716 . Then acknowledged      Ambr Cobbs      Seal  
in open Court by the parties thereto      James Hubbard      Seal  
and admitted to Record      Test Chi: Lightfoot      Seal

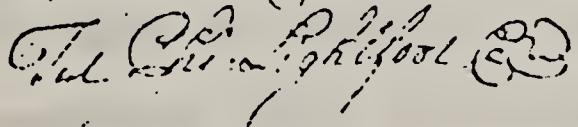
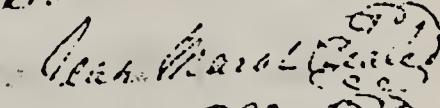
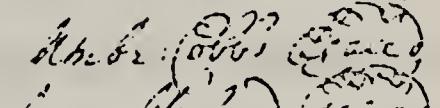
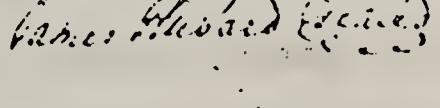


## Marot's Bond of Ordinary License

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Know all men by these Presents that the Earl of Marot, Atk. 1716, by his  
Baldred of Council of York are held & firmly bound unto the Sovereign Lord  
George the 1<sup>st</sup> of grace of God of Great Britain, France & Ireland King of Ireland  
of his/faith & in his name of Sir Thomas Marot, Lord of Holme, Conventual, Eng. & Lord  
of the County of York, to which payment well & truly to be made also our said Sovereign  
Lord of York his heirs & successors the sum of one & twenty shillings. But the  
sum of one & twenty shillings to be paid jointly & severally, first by the said Marot  
Sealed with our seals Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1716

The condition of this Obligation is such that whereas of late, Marot  
the Earl of Marot this day granted him for a License to have an Ordinary  
at his now dwelling house in the Burgh of York, for of his hotel & other  
affaires of the Marot doth constantly find & provide in his Ordinary good  
wholesome & cleanly Lodging & Fuel for Traveller, & Stableage, & other  
wanderers or Lestrange & Reverend as occasion shall require, for his hotel  
from y date heress for & during y term of one year & that it not be for  
permitted any unlawfull drinking in his house nor on y scaffold, day or  
any person to tipple or drink more than is necessary then this obligation  
to be void or else to remain in full force & value

Sealed for York County 18<sup>th</sup> March 1716Presented & acknowledged in open Court by the  
parties thereto & attested to recordJohn Marot Esq: John Marot Esq: John Marot Esq: John Marot Esq: 



York County, Va. Orders, Wills, etc. 15, 1716 - 1720 Pt. 1  
pages 173- 174 - Will of John Marot.

In the Name of God Amen. I, John Marot, of Williamsburg in the county of York, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner following. First I comitt my soul into the hand of God my Creator and Redeemer trusting through His merits for a joyful Resurrection. My body I desire may be decently buried at the decretion of my Executrix hereinafter named. And for the disposal of what worldly estate God has been pleased to bestow upon me I do give and dispose of the same in manner following.

I give and bequeath to my dear and loving wife, Anne, one third part of all my lots of land, houses and appurtenances to the same belonging situate and being in the parish of Bruton in the county of York for and during the term of her natural life and the other two thirds of my lots of houses and the reversion of the third part thereof after the death of my wife, I do give, devise and bequeath to my three daughters, Edith, Anne, and Rachel and to their heirs forever equally to be divided between my beforesaid daughters and their heirs. And it is my will and desire that my wife have and enjoy all the lots and houses until such time as my daughters shall severally attain to the age of twenty-one years or be married and that each of my daughters as they shall attain to their several respective ages of twenty-one years or shall be married shall have and enjoy their part or share of the lots and houses provided my said wife does during such time continue to be a widow, upon the time my wife shall happen to marry, it is my will and desire that she have and enjoy



only one third part of my lots and houses as before given and bequeathed to her and for the disposing of my personal estate after my debts and funeral expenses are paid and satisfied, I do give and bequeath all my ready money, debts, plate, household goods and all my personal estate whatsoever to my wife Anne and to my three daughters Edith, Anne and Rachel equally to be divided between them, my wife and daughters. Lastly of this my last Will and Testament I do make constitute, and appoint my dear wife ,Anne, sole Executrix. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal on the 31st day of Aug. in the year 1717.

Jean Marot Seal

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared  
by the within named John Marot as and  
for his last Will and Testament in the  
presence of Thos. Jones

D. Bleust

Jean Pasteur

At a Court held for York County 16 Decembr 1717, This last Will and Testament of Jno. Marot desc. was presented in Court by Anne Marot as Executrix therin named who made oath to it & being proved by oath of all witnesses, is admitted to record.

Test. Chi.Lightfoot Seal



## MAROT'S WILL

July Entered at Chancery Office

In the Name of God Amen I John Marot of Bretton in  
County of York being of sound & differing mind & memory do  
make this my last will & Testament in manner following. First  
I Commit my soul into the hands of God my Creator & Redeemer  
trusting thys恩 mercys for a joyful Resurrection. My body  
before may be decently buried at discretion of my exec  
herein remeined. And for y<sup>e</sup> difference of what worldy Estate God  
had been pleased to bestow upon me. Do give & dispose of it  
same in manner following. I Give & bequeath to my dear &  
loving wife Anne the third part of all my Lots of Land, nor is  
it appurtenance to y<sup>e</sup> same Belonging the Retreate & Chappell  
of Bretton in the County of York for & during of term of her  
natural life & of other Two thirds of my Lots of nowe, & of the  
Concepcion of y<sup>e</sup> third part thereof after death of my wife.  
Do Give & bequeath to my grace daughters Edith  
Anne & Rachel & to their heirs for ever Equally to be divided  
between y<sup>e</sup> daughters & their heirs. And it is my will & desire that  
my wife have & enjoy all & Lots & houses unhill'd & in  
as my daughters shall severally attain to age of twenty



11)

One Year or be married & that Each of my 3<sup>d</sup> Daughters  
as they shall attain to their several respective Ages of  
Twenty one Year or shall be married shall have & Enjoy  
their particular shares in of? Lots & houses provided my 3<sup>d</sup>  
Wife do during such time continues to be a Widow, & if ever  
of time my 3<sup>d</sup> wife shall happen to marry it is my Will &  
desire that she have & Enjoy only one third part of my 3<sup>d</sup>  
Lots & houses as before given & bequeathed to her. & for  
Distributing of my personal Estate after my Debts & funeral  
Expenses are paid & satisfied I do Give & Bequeath all my  
all my ready Money, Debts, Plate; household Goods & all  
my personal Estate whatsoever to my 3<sup>d</sup> wife Anne & to  
my 3<sup>d</sup> Grand daughters Ruth, Anne & Rachell Equally to  
be divided between them my 3<sup>d</sup> wife & daughters. Lastly of  
this my last Will & Testament I do make, constitute & appoint  
my 3<sup>d</sup> dear wife Anne Sole Executrix In witness whereof I  
have hereunto put my hand & Seal of this the first day of  
August in of year One Thousand Seven hundred & Seven  
Signed, Sealed, Published & Declared  
by & within named I. M. Marol as &  
for his last Will & Testament in the  
presence of Thos: Jones  
J. B. Loviel  
Jean Taylor

Jean Marol

At a Court held for York County 16 Decem 1777  
This last Will & Testament of I. M. Marol deceased was presented in  
Court by Anne Marol & Reed their names who made oath  
to it & being proved by 2<sup>d</sup> witness of all & Willingness is admitted  
to Record

Geo: Eli: Lightfoot (22)



Amelia County Va. Will Book 1 -1734-1761 pages 127-128

Will of Samuel Cobbs

I, Samuel Cobbs of Amelia County, an unworthy member of the Church of England as by law established, being in good health and sound memory for which I return most humble and hearty thanks to Almighty God the Father of blessed Lord & Savior Jesus Christ in whom and through whose intercession I humbly hope to receive pardon for the innumerable sins I have committed and now being willing to settle my worldly affairs in the best manner my circumstances will admit, Do make this my last Will and Testament as followeth.

First my will and desire is that my just debts be fully paid and in order thereto I subject my Estate as is hereafter mentioned.

Item I give to my Daughter Theodosia one mulatto girl named Sue and I have by Deed acknowledged in the General Court given my aforesaid Daughter Fifty Pounds which said Sum I now order to be paid her.

Item I give to my Daughter Judith one mulatto woman named Nell also one mulatto boy named Michael the son of the said Nell.

Item I give to my Grandson Samuel Cobbs the son of John and Mary Leneve one hundred and ninety acres of land in Prince Edward County and is the Plantation whereon Francis Rice now liveth after the Death of the said Francis and his now wife to him my said Grandson and his heirs forever.

Item I give to John Leneve thirty two Pounds one shilling which is his debt now due to me.

Item I give to George Pooker Thirty Pounds to be paid him



two years after my Death.

I give to my wife Edith Cobbs all my lands in this and all other Counties, City or Towns to her my said wife and her heirs forever In Trust, that is to say, she shall have full power and absolute authority to sell and convey the Fee simple estate therefor any part thereof to such Purchaser or Purchasers as shall contract for the same and the money arising by the sale thereof to apply towards the Payment of my Debts and Legacies or for the advantage of her children. All the remaining negroes not before mentioned together with the Personal Estate of which I am possessed I give to my aforesaid wife Edith Cobbs In Trust under the same restrictions & for the same purposes before mentioned. My intention is that my just Debts shall be paid which when discharged my will is that my wife have full power to give and convey by Deed or by her last Will and Testament in writing any of my Lands to my sons or either of them (to wit) Samuel or John Catlin as in her discretion she shall think proper and also that she shall have full power to give to any one or more of my children or Grandchildren such of my negroes or other Personal Estate as she shall judge proper.

But if my aforesaid wife Edith should depart this life without making any conveyance of Land to my younger son or without making her Will and Testament in writing then and in such case I give unto my son John Catlin Cobbs four hundred acres of land adjoining the tract on which I now live on the upper side of Flash Creek and is that I purchased of Richard Clarke to him my said son and his Heirs forever.

But if my wife aforesaid should have sold the four



hundred acres of Land aforesaid and depart this life as aforesaid then & in such case I give my son John Catlin Cobbs Five hundred acres of land part of the Tract I now live on beginning at Hector Trulys former in the line between the late Col. Harrison and myself, thence up that line so far as a line from thence to Flash Creek may include the quanity above mentioned which I give to my said son and his Heirs forever.

And whereas the Rev. John Ornsby has by indenture bearing date the twenty-first Day of April 1755 conveyed to me eighteen hundred and fifteen acres of land in Prince Edward County and in that County acknowledged the same the eighth Day of July following which conveyance was made with intent to prevent the said from lapsing for want of cultivation and for which purpose it was to be or is included in a Patent granted me for a larger quantity the Expense whereof he has been at and is no part of my Estate tho' I think it necessary I now mention it in this my will to prevent any future doubts or dispute. Therefore I give the aforesaid eighteen hundred and fifteen acres of Land to the aforementioned John Ornsley and his heirs forever.

As I have now almost finished my will by which I have given a very extensive Power to my wife, the inducement thereto and in gratitude to her I now mention. She has been my wife near Forty years during which time hath always been kind, loving and obedient to me without affectation. My children are hers. I commit them to her care as my circumstances are now I could not provide for both and I do think it my Duty to provide for a wife now in the Decline of Life who so well deserves it from me I do constitute and appoint my wife Edith Executrix of this my



last Will and Testament also I do appoint my son Samuel Executor of the same but not to have that Trust on him until he is of lawful age, I mean Twenty - one years. And Lastly I desire that my estate may not be appraised and that my Executrix may not be compelled to give security for the execution of this my Will and this I hope will be granted as I have subjected my lands and personal estate to the payment of my Debts. I also revoke all former wills by me heretofore made declaring only this to be my last Will to which I have this twenty seventh Day of June One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven set my hand and seal.

Sealed Published by Sam'l Cobbs      Sam'l Cobbs      Seal  
to be his last Will and Testament

before us      Walker Scott      John Ferguson  
                    his  
                    Rich' X Smith  
                    mark

At a court held for Amelia County the 28th Day of July 1757  
This Will was proved by the oaths of Walker Scott, John Ferguson and Richard Smith the witnesses thereto sworn to by the Executrix therein named and ordered to be recorded and on motion of the said Executrix certificate was granted her for obtaining a Probate in due Form, liberty being reserved to the other Executor to join in the Probate whwn he shall come of age.

Test. T. Griffin Peachy, Co.Court



I James Gibbs of Amelia County a Clergyman & Member of  
the Church of England & by Law established living in good Health  
and sound Memory for which I presume most humbly & heartily  
thanketh so Almighty God the Father of blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus  
Christ in whom and thru whose intercession I humbly hope to  
receive Pardon for the innumerable Sins I have committed  
and now being willing to settle my worldly affairs in the best  
manner my circumstances will admit Do make this my  
Last Will and Testament as followeth.

First my Will and Desires is that my just Debts be fully paid  
and in order thereto I subject my Estates as hereafter  
mentionned.

Item I give to my Daughter Theodosia one Mulatto Girl named  
Liza and I have by Deed acknowledged in the general form given my  
aforesaid Daughter Fifty pounds which said sum I now order to be  
paid her.

Item I give to my Daughter Judith one Mulatto Woman named  
Nell also one Mulatto Boy named Michael the son of the said Nell  
Item I give to my Grandson Samuel Gibbs the son of John Gibbs  
Le Neve One hundred and Ninety acres of Land in Prince Edward  
County and is the Plantation whereon Francis Rice now liveth  
after the Death of the said Francis and his son will get to him my  
said Grandson and his Heirs forever.

Item I give to John Le Neve Thirtieth Two Pounds one Shilling which  
is his Debt now due to me.

Item I give to George Roach Thirtieth Pounds to be paid him Two  
years after my Death.



I give to my wife Edith all my Lands in this and all other  
my City or Towns to her my said wife and her heirs for  
ever in trust that is to say, she shall have full power and authority  
to sell and convey the same simple estate therefor  
and part thereof to such Purchaser or Purchasers as shall contract  
for the same and the money arising by the sale thereof apply  
towards the payment of my Debts and Legacies or for the maintenance  
of her Children till the remaining Negroes not before mentioned  
together with the Personal Estate of which I am possessed I give a

to my aforesaid wife Edith this 3d day of March under the same Recitation for  
in the same purposes before mentioned. my intention is that my just  
Debts shall be paid which when discharged my Will is that my wife  
have full power to give and convey by Deed or by her last Will and  
Testament in writing any of my Lands to my Sons or either of them  
(namely) Samuel or John either as in her Discretion she shall think  
proper and also that she shall have full power to give to any one or  
more of my Children or Grand Children such of my Negroes or other  
Personal Estates as she shall judge proper.

If by act of my aforesaid wife Edith should depart this life without  
making any conveyance of Land to my younger Son or without  
making her Will and Testament in writing them and in such  
case I give unto my Son John, either four hundred acres of  
Land adjoining this tract on which I now live on the upper side  
of East Creek and as that I purchased of Richard Garkhall to him  
as his Heirs forever.



But if any Person aforesaid should have sold the said hundred acres of Land aforesaid and depart this life aforesaid then in such case I give away from John Estlin Esqrs Five hundred acres of Land part of that tract I now have on beginning at the corner in the line between the Lakes of Mr. Garrison and myself chance up that line so far as a line from thence to Flaxfield may include the quantity above mentioned which I give to my said Son and his Heirs forever.

2nd Whereas the Rev. John Estlin has by Indenture bearing Date the twenty first Day of April 1755 Conveyed to me eighteen hundred and sixteen acres of Land in Province of Quebec County, and in that County given aforesaid the eight day of July following which Survey was made with Intent to remove the said from Lapping for want of Cultivation and for which purpose it was to be or was included in a Patent granted me for a larger quantity the expense whereof he has been at and in part of my Estate the which it necessary I now mention is in this way. Well to prevent any future Doubt or dispute therefore



I give the aforesaid in Eighteen hundred and fifteen D<sup>r</sup>ars  
of land to the aforesaid John Drury and his Heirs forever.  
As I have now almost finished my Will by which I have  
given a very extensive Power to my Wife after my decease  
here to and in Practise to her I now mention The has been  
my wife near Forty Years during which Time hath always  
been Kind Loving and Obedient to me without affection  
My Children are hers I commit them to her Care As my  
Concurrences are now I could not provide for both and I  
do think it my Duty to provide for a Wife now in the Decline  
of Life who so well deserves it from me I Do constitute and  
appoint my wife with Execution of this my last Will and  
Testament also I do appoint my son Samuel Executor of the  
same but not to take that Trust on him until he is of Lawfull Age  
I mean Twenty one Years. And Lastly I desire that my



Estates may not be appreciated and that my Executrix may not be compelled to give Security for the Execution of this my Will and this I hope will be granted as I have subjected my Lands and Personal Estates to the Payment of my Debts. I also recollect all former Wills by me heretofore made declaring only this to be my last Will to which I have this Twenty seventh Day of June

One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven at my Land of Glash

Sealed Published by Sam<sup>l</sup> Cobb

to be his last Will & Testament

Before us: Walter Scott John Ferguson

Rich<sup>l</sup> Smith

Sam<sup>l</sup> Cobb

At a Court held for Amelia County the 28. Day of July 1757.

This Will was proved by the Oaths of Walter Scott John Ferguson and Richard Smith the Testimoes thereto sworn to by the Executrix. Therein named and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said Executrix for a Certificate was granted her for obtaining a Probat in Due Form. Liberty being given to the other Executor to join in the same when he shall come of age.

Tested J. King in Roachy. J. G.

W. L. E.



Amelia County Va. Will Book 1, 1734 - 1761

Will of Edith Cobbs pages 200 & 201

In the name of God Amen. I, Edith Cobbe, of the County of Amelia, widow and Relict of Samuel Cobbs, Gent. decsd. being of sound and perfect mind and memory (Blessed be God) do this ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following.

First I give and devise to my son John Catlin Cobbs Five hundred acres of land, part of the Tract whereon I now live (as particularly described in the Will of his Father the aforesaid Samuel Cobbs,deceasd ) to him the said John Catlin Cobbs and his Heirs forever. I also give and devise to my said son John Catlin Cobbs all my Lotts of land and houses lying in the County of Chesterfield in the towns of Powcahontas, Warrick and the Hundred to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my son Samuel Cobbs the Tract of land whereon I now live (excepting that part of it before given to my son John Catlin) to him the said Samuel and his heirs forever. Item I give and devise to my said son Samuel and to his Heirs forever all my lotts of land and houses lying in the city of Williamsburg.

Item it is my Will and desire that all the rest of land devised to me by the Will of my late Husband Samuel Cobbs, decsd. be sold by my executors or the survivor or survivors of them for the payment of the Debts of my saidlate husband with my own, which said land I devise to my said Executors and their Heirs for that purpose.



Item I give to my Granddaughter Rachel Booker Daughter of Edwd. Booker, Jun. Thirty Pounds Current Money.

Item I give devise and bequeath unto my two sons Samuel and John Catlin and unto my two Daughters Theodosia and Judith all the rest and residue of my estate of what kind soever to them and their Heirs forever equally to be divided. But it is my Will that no division of the said Estate be made until my son Samuel shall arrive to the age of Twenty one years during which time it is my Will and I do hereby direct that my negroes and all my Personal Estate continue and be kept on the Plantation whereon I now live for the use and benefit of my sons and Daughters as aforesaid.

Item I give to Kitty Booker my Granddaughter the negro Girl Nelle given to me by her Father Edward Booker Gent.

Item It is my Will that my wearing clothes with my rings be not appraised.

Lastly I make and ordain my son Samuel Cobbs and my Sons - in - Law Edward Booker, Edmund Booker and George Booker Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Day and Year first above written.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Edith Cobbs Seal the said Edith Cobbs the Testator  
as and for her last Will and Testament  
in the presence of us.

James Henderson

T. Griffin Peachy



Codicil to this my Will made and published by me this 5th day of August 1761.

I give and devise to my daughter Theodosia and to her Heirs forever Four hundred acres of land in Prince Edward County, part of the Tract of 1100 acres as good as any in that Tract. I revoke that part of my Will appointing my Executor And I do hereby appoint my Daughter Theodosia and Son Samuel Executrix and Exr. of this my Will.

Witness my hand and seal this 5th Day of August 1761

Witnesses Present

Edith Cobbs Seal

T.G. Peachy

Edw. Booker

Samuel Bentley

At a Court held for Amelia County the 27th Day of August 1761. This Will and the Codicil annexed were proved by Oaths of Thomas Griffin Peachy, James Henderson Edward Booker and Samuel Bentley the Witnesses thereto sworn to by Theodosia and Samuel Cobbs, the Executrix and Executor therein named and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said Executrix and Executor who with Edmund Booker and Francis Anderson their securities enter into and acknowledged Bond as the Law directs: Certificate was granted them for obtaining a Probate in due form.

Test. T. Griffin Peachy Co Court



In the Name of God Amen I Edith Cobbs of the County of Aurelia of  
widow and widow of Samuel Cobbs gent deced being of sound and perfect  
mind and memory (God be Praise) do this ninth Day of March in the year  
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight make and publish  
this my last Will and Testament in manner following Item I give and  
desire to my Son John Ballin Cobbs five hundred acres of land part  
of the tract whereon I now live (as particularly described in the Will of  
his Father the aforesaid Samuel Cobbs deced) to him the said John  
Ballin Cobbs and his Heirs forever I also give and devise to my said Son  
John Ballin all my Lots of Land and Houses lying in the County of  
Chesterfield in the Towns of Penncarrowles, Warwick and the Hundred  
to him and his Heirs forever Item I give and devise to my Son Samuel  
Cobbs the tract of Land wherein I now live (excepting that part of it  
before given to my Son John Ballin) to him the said Samuel and his  
Heirs forever Item I give and devise to my said Son Samuel and his  
Heirs forever all my Lots of Land and Houses a lying in the City of  
Williamsburgh Item it is my Will and desire that all the rest of Land  
desired to me by the Will of my late Husband Samuel Cobbs deced be sold  
by my Executors or the survivor or survivors of them for the payment  
of the debts of my said late Husband with my own, which said Land  
I devise to my said Executors and their Heirs for that purpose Item I give  
to my Granddaughter Rachael Dasher Daughter of Edm<sup>t</sup> Vaughan  
Thirty Pounds Lire<sup>d</sup> Money Item I give, devise and bequeath unto my  
two sons Samuel and John Ballin and unto my two Daughters Headosia  
and Judith all the rest and residue of my Estate of which I am owner  
to them and their Heirs forever equally to be divided But if my Will shall  
no division of the said Estate be made until my Son Samuel shall  
arrive to the age of twenty one years during which time passing shall  
and I do hereby direct that my wife and all my Heirs shall take to



contents and to trust on the Reservation where I now live for the  
use and Benefit of my Sons and Daugthers as aforesaid. I do  
give to Kelly Book for my Granddaughter Eliza, the negro Girl, still given  
and by her Father Edward Book her Grand Father. It is my Will that my  
wearing Cloathes with my Rings be not appraised Lastly I make and  
ordain my Son Samuel Cobbs and my Sons in law Edmund Book  
Edward Book and George Book Executors of this my Last Will

and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
Hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed Sealed published  
and declared by the said  
Edith Cobbs the Testator; as  
and for her last Will and  
testament in the presence of us  
James Henderson.

Griffen Beachy  
G. J. B.

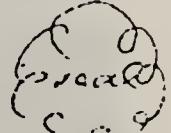
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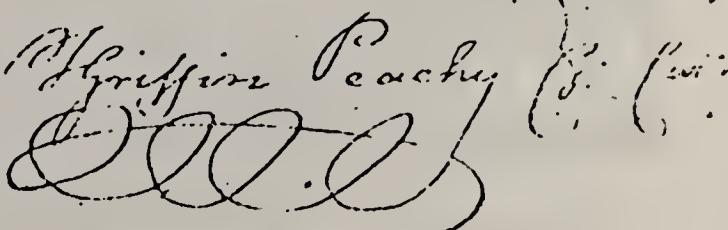
Godill to this my Will made and published by me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 1761. I give and devise to my daughter Theodosia and her heirs forever. Four hundred acres of my land in Prince Edward County part of the Tract of 1100 acres as good money in that Tract I revoke that part of my Will appointing my Executors and I do hereby appoint my daughter Theodosia and Sam'l Samuel Executrix and Ex'r of this my Will. Witness my hand and seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 1761.

Witnesses Present:

H. Peache  
Edm. Boucher  
Sam'l Bunting

Edith Cobb - 

In a Court held for Amelie County the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1761. This Will and the Codicil annexed were proved by the Oath of - Thomas Griffin Peache James Henderson Edward Boucher and Samuel Bunting the Witsporth etc, sworn to by Theodosia & Samuel Cobb, the Executrix & Executor therein named and ordered to be recorded on the motion of the said Executrix and Executor who with Edmund Boucher and Francis Anderson their witnesses entered into and acknowledged the same as the true instrument before them and acknowledged them for obtaining a Probate in due Form.

For: 



Below are Kodak pictures of the new Manakin Episcopal Church located at Manakin-town, Virginia about twenty miles above Richmond on the James River.





DAC Lineage Book Vol lv 3001 to 4000

Nat. # 3210 Mrs. Sallie Book Rison Belcher

Born in Perryville, Arkansas

Wife of Josiah Nichol Belcher

Descendant of William Ball, Edmond Book, Jean Morat, William Bibb and Samuel Cobbs as follows:

1. John William Rison (1820-87) m. Harriet Clifton (1822-1901)

2. Peter Rison (1786-1834) m. Sallie Bibb Book (1789-1841)

3. Ellery Rison (1759-1834) m. 1st. 1780 Elizabeth Rowlett

b. 1762 ; Davis Book (1762- 1802) m. Nancy Bibb (1768-97)

4. John Rison m. 1750 Hannah Chinn;

Edmond Book (d.1792)m. 1746 Edith Cobbs;

William Bibb m. 2nd Sally Wyatt (1739-1826

5. Raleigh Chinn, Jr. m. 1727 Elizabeth Ball,

Edmond Book, Sr. m. Jane Clements;

Samuel Cobbs (1700-57) m. Edith Morat

Raleigh Chinn m. 1700 Esther Ball (1685-1751)

Jean Morat m. Anne \_\_\_\_\_

7. Joseph Ball m. Elizabeth Romney; he was born 1649-d.1711

8. William Ball m. 1638 Hannah Atherton (d.1692)

William Ball (1615-80) of Virginia was Colonel 1675;

Burgess 1658, 1670 and 1677

Edmond Book, Sr. (d.1758) of Amelia County Virginia was a member of the House of Burgesses

Jean Morat was a Huguenot Refugee

William Bibb (1735-96) of Hanover County Virginia was a

member of the House of Burgesses

Samuel Cobbs (d.1757) was a member of Va. House of Burgesses



Dear Max  
With the gallant Baroness Line we had dinner and  
a bit of entertainment.

Dear Ward

Virginia Single Person  
Solely approved member of the Management Society of the Farmers of Franklin in the Columbia District, having been admitted by the National Board of Management by virtue of decent frati-

This Certifies that



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# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

to

The Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin  
in the Colony of Virginia

State \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

National Number 1227

Name Virginia Lightle Blount

Occupation

Address -- 29 Golf Circle N.E. Atlanta Georgia State  
Number Street City

Name of wife or husband George Chisolm Blount

DESCENDANT OF

Jean Marot

The undersigned have investigated and approved the applicant and application.

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National President

Junior National President

National Secretary

Junior National Director

Junior National Secretary

National Registrar

Application and duplicates received by the National Society , 19

Fees received by the National Society , 19

Accepted by the National Society December 14 , 19

Accepted by State Board of Managers , 19

State Endorsement for membership

State Registrar

State President

State Secretary

Junior State President

Signature of Applicant

Nominated and recommended by the undersigned  
members of the Society

Residence



## LINEAGE

I. Virginia Lightle Elount

hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from  
Jean Marot

who was born in France on the day of 1677, 16--

And died in York County, Virginia on the 16-- day of Dec., 1777

I was born Sept. 17, 1899 City of Dallas County of Dallas  
State of Texas

1. I am the child of  
Richard G. Lightle born May 22, 1874 died Feb. 7, 1905 and his ( ) wife\*  
Mary Ethel Rison born Aug. 1, 1877 died Oct. 23, 1953 married Aug. 3, 1898  
2 The said Mary Ethel Rison was the daughter of  
Richard Ellery Rison born Oct. 21, 1852 died Aug. 19, 1935 and his ( 1st ) wife  
Emma Jane Scales born Feb. 12, 1855 died Sept. 8, 1887 married 1874

3 The said Richard Ellery Rison was the son of  
John William Rison born April 21, 1820 died June 19, 1886 and his ( ) wife  
Harriet Clifton (Jones) born Oct. 4, 1822 died Sept. 14, 1901 married 1843  
John William Rison

4 The said was the son of  
Peter Rison born Sept. 2, 1786 died Feb. 26, 1830 and his ( ) wife  
Sallie Bibb Booker born Aug. 23, 1789 died Aug. 1841 married Jan. 17, 1814  
5 The said Sallie Bibb Booker was the daughter of  
Davis Booker born June 20, 1762 died Oct. 28, 1802 and his ( 1st ) wife  
Nancy Bibb born July 12, 1762 died Aug. 9, 1797 married Dec. 1787  
Davis Booker

6 The said Davis Booker was the son of  
Edmund Booker, Jr. born circa 1723 died Sept. 24, 1793 and his ( ) wife  
Edith Cobbs born circa 1725 died 1757 married Aug. 1746

7 The said Edith Cobbs was the daughter of  
Samuel Cobbs born circa 1700 died July 28, 1757 and his ( ) wife  
Edith Marot born after 1700 died Aug. 5, 1761 married cir. 1717

8 The said Edith Marot was the daughter of  
Jean Marot born 1677 died Dec. 16, 1717 and his ( ) wife  
Anne Pasteur born died married

9 The said was the son of  
born died and his ( ) wife  
born died married

10 The said was the son of  
born died and his ( ) wife  
born died married

11 The said was the son of  
born died and his ( ) wife  
born died married

12 The said was the son of  
born died and his ( ) wife  
born died married

13 The said was the son of  
born died and his ( ) wife  
married

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## REFERENCES FOR LINEAGE

(Proofs for line of descent are wills, deeds, church records, family Bibles, census and pension records, tombstone inscriptions, published history and genealogy, contemporary letters or papers confirming what is recorded on the blank)

Give below a reference to the authority for EACH statement of Birth, Marriage and Death. If from published records, give NAMES of books or magazines, and the number of the page. If from unpublished records, applicant must furnish triplicate certified copies of same.

My Mother's 1st cousin (Mrs.) Estelle Belcher Balch (deceased) was a member of the Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia using this line, National # 665  
 Ref. "Good for Another 100 Years" Ark. Democrat Mag. July 11, 1954  
 Ref. "Glimpses of Yesterday" Ark. Gazette Oct. 22, 1933  
 Ref. "Biographical & Historical Memoirs of Central Arkansas" by the Goodspeed Publishing Co. 1889  
 Ref. 4th Gen. Virginia Historical Magazine Vol. 7 page 430. Peter Rison served as 1st Sergeant in Capt. John L. Townes' Company 1st Corps d'Elite Randolph's Virginia Militia, War of 1812. For service see War Dept. Records Washington D.C.  
 Ref. Tyler's Quarterly Historical & Genealogical Magazine Vol. 7 p 66  
 Ref. 6th Gen. Marriage Bonds & Ministers Returns of Prince Edward Co. Va. for years 1754-1810. Ref. Va. Hist. Mag. Vol. 7 page 323.  
 Ref. Virginia Historical Magazine Vol. 7 page 208. Ref. Amelia Co. Va. Court Case Will Book 1 page 136. Edmund Booker Jr. assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of Justice of the Peace of Amelia Co. Va. 1775-1783. Ref. Va. Hist. Mag. Vol. 7 p. 213  
 Ref. William & Mary College Quarterly Vol. 5 page 117. For Samuel Cobbs' Will see Will Book 1, page 127, Amelia County Va. For Will of Edith Gen. Marot-Cobbs see Will Book 1, page 200 Amelia County Va. Samuel Cobbs was a member of the House of Burgesses for Amelia County in 1743 & 1750.  
 Ref. See Daughters of the American Colonists Lineage Book Volume 4 National # 3210 for descent of my great aunt Mrs. Sallie Booker Risner Belcher from Jean Marot and others.

12th Gen. \_\_\_\_\_

13th Gen. \_\_\_\_\_

Give, if possible, the following data: My Huguenot ancestor was married.

1. to Anne Pasteur, also of a French Huguenot family and thought, 1  
 2. to be of same family as French scientist Louis Pasteur, 1  
 3. to Anne, wife of Jean Marot married 2ndly Timothy Sullivan, 1

## CHILDREN OF HUGUENOT ANCESTOR

Names	Dates of Birth	To Whom Married
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Edith	_____	Samuel Cobbs
Anne	_____	1st James Inglis 2nd James Shields
Rachel	_____	Richard Booker



reference to the authorities cited, to show line of descent. When reference is made to unpublished or inaccessible records, the applicant must file certified triplicate copies of same. Statements based upon tradition alone can not be considered.

(Give, below, by volume and page, reference to the documentary or other authorities, upon which your Huguenot ancestry is proved.)

Ref. Will of Jean Marot Probated in Dec. 1717, see Vol.15 page 173 York County Virginia Records. He mentions in his will his ~~Wife~~ three daughters, Edith, Anne and Rachel.

Ref. Tyler's Quarterly Historical & Genealogical Magazine Vol.2 page 282. Jean Marot came to Virginia 1700 and was living in Williamsburg 1705. He lived at 56 Duke of Gloucester St. This reference also tells of his three daughters' marriages.

Ref. "Huguenot Emigration to Virginia" by Brock page 33 lists Jean Marot as a Refugee year 1699. Also Jean Pasteur, father of Anne.

Ref. William & Mary College Quarterly Vol.5 page 117 tells of the coming to Virginia of Jean Marot in the Huguenot emigration in 1700 also of the marriage of his daughter Edith to Samuel Cobbs.

Tyler's Quarterly Historical & Genealogical Magazine Vol. 2 page 282 also states that Jean Marot was of the same family as Clement Marot who in the 16th century voiced the spirit in verse of the Huguenots. See "French Blood in America" by Fosdick pg.62.

Ref. Virginia Historical Society Collection Vol. V page 24 Documents Relating to the Huguenot Emigration to Virginia and to the Settlement at Manakin-town. Edited & Compiled by the Virginia Historical Society page 24 lists Jean Marot under " Liste Des Personnes du second Convoy que seront toute l'annee a Manicanton".

The following form of acknowledgment is required:

Jean Marot

Applicant further says that the said \_\_\_\_\_ (name of ancestor from whom eligibility is derived,) is the ancestor mentioned in the foregoing application and that the statements hereinbefore set forth are believed and known to be true.

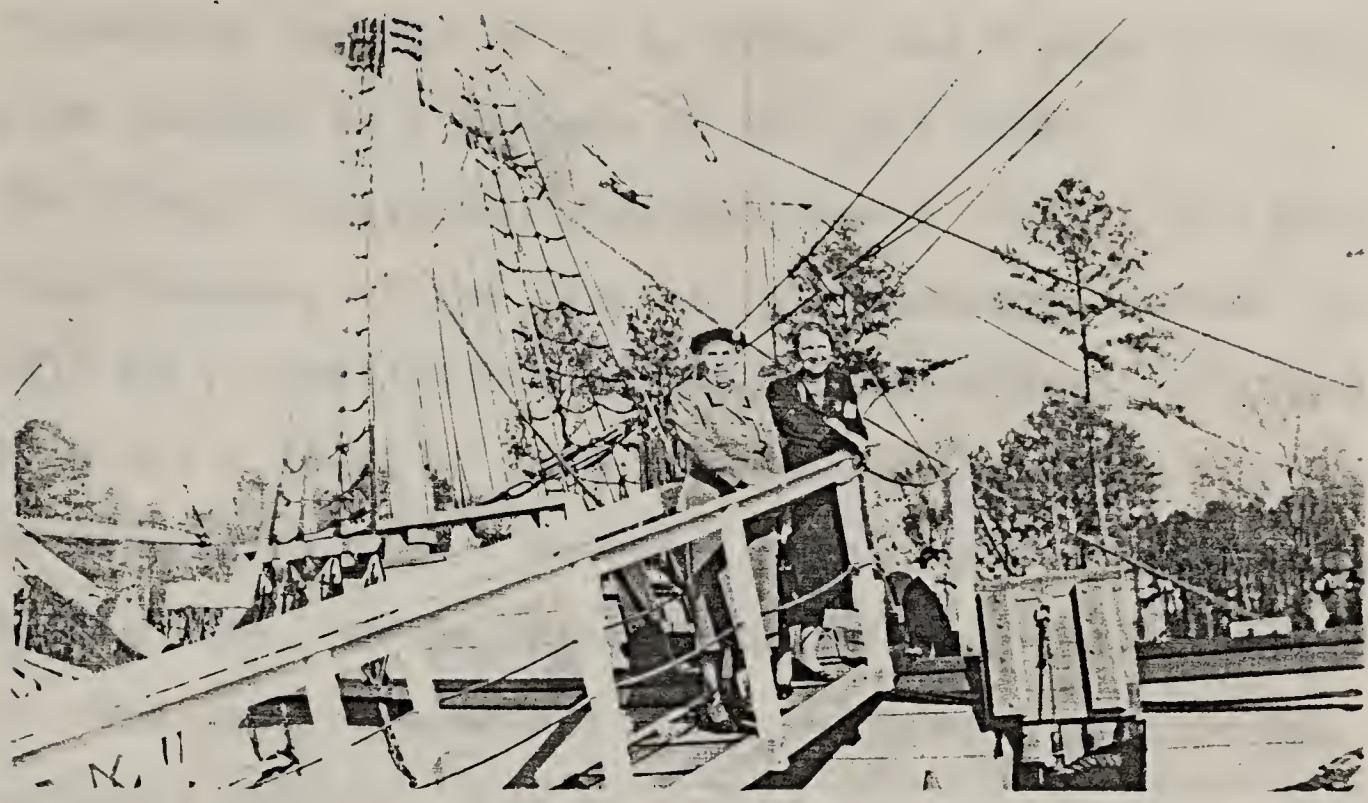
Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me at \_\_\_\_\_

this 11th day of October A. D. 1954  
(SEAL)



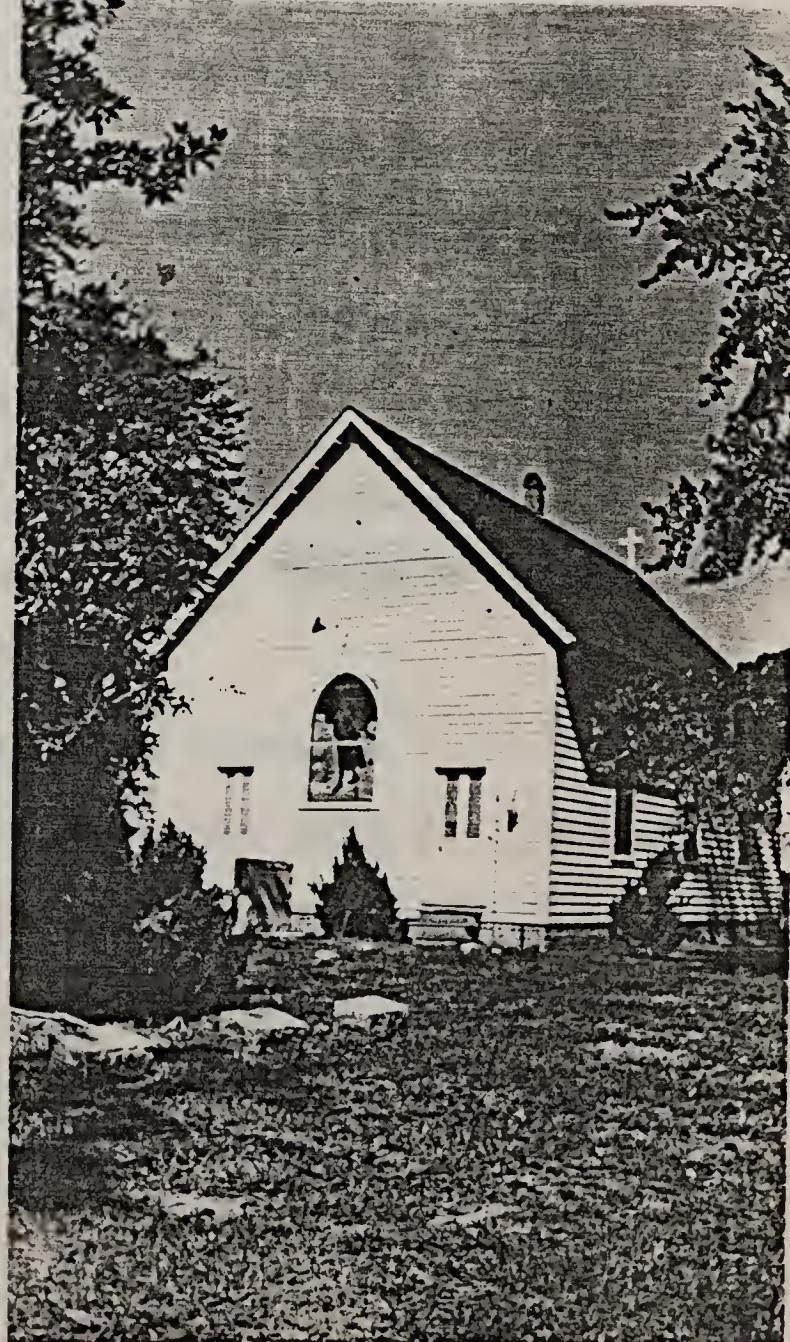
Kodak pictures below show two Huguenots at Jamestown Va.  
aboard replica of ship on which their ancestor came to America.



Virginia Blount (right)

Virginia Brock (left)

Below old Manakin  
Church at Manakin, Va.





Huguenot Emigration to Virginia and to the Settlement at Manakin-Town, Edited and Compiled for the Virginia Historical Society by R. A. Brock Vol V page 33 lists Jean Pasteur as a Refugee in the year 1699.

The Edward Pleasants Valentine Papers Vol.II (2) page 939 Jean Pasteur, of the City of Williamsburgh, Peruke Maker, Will of ; Gives to his friend, Thomas Johnson, of Charles City Co. a tract of land in said County, gives the remainder of his estate real & personal to be divided between his loving wife, Martha Pasteur, and children Mary Cosby, wife of Mark Cosby, Magdalene Cosby, wife of Samuel Cosby, Lucretia Shields, wife of Mathew Shields, James Pasteur, Blouet Pasteur, William Pasteur, Martha Pasteur, Anne Pasteur. House & lot whereon the testator lives in Williamsburg to be sold by executor. Appoints his wife Martha Pasteur and his friends William Prentiss and Mark Cosby his executors. Witnesses - Augustine Claiborne, Andrew Anderson and Thos. Cassius. August 15, 1741 - D.C.W. 19 page 65.

Jean Pasteur dec'd. will proved and William Prentiss and Mark Cosby qualify as executors . November 16, 1741 Ibid P.59 Same Vol. II (2) page 942

The Edward Pleasants Valentine Papers

Martha (X) Pasteur, of York County Will of , dated March 21 , 1743 , Gives her son William Pasteur, one negro girl named Fibre, given her by her brother Thomas Harris and now in the possession of her brother , John Harris.



The remainder of her estate to be equally divided between her son, William Pasteur, daughter Martha Pasteur, and daughter Anne Pasteur. Appoints the Reverend Mr. Commissary Dawson as Guardian of her son William Pasteur. Appoints her friends Wm. Prentiss and Mark Cosby her Executors.

Witnesses - John Raskeroyh, And. Anderson , Thos. Vobe. D.O.W. 20 page 28.

Martha Pasteur of York County dec'd. Will proved and William Prestiss and Mark Cosby qualified as executors. May 19, 1746 . Ibid. page 28.

Martha Pasteur, dec'd. Estate of settled by James Speirs, Alex Craig, Elouet Pasteur, Mark Cosby, Executors, July 10, 1752 . Ibid Page 268.

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Huguenot Ancestry - Compiled by Mrs. Luther Isbell filed at Georgia Dept. of Archives and History Pasteur

Will of a John Pasteur of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Dated 6-27-1794 - filed 12-2-1794 names wife, Honour.

Also listed under Pasteur is :

Jean Pasteur later Dr. John Pasteur who came to Nanakin in 1699 . He married 1st Mary Blouett and 2ndly Martha Harris in 1727. Names of wife & children taken from Will Dated 11-16-1741 . Wife Martha, children Mary m. Mark Cosby, Magdalene m. Samuel Cosby, Lucretia m. Matthew Shields, sons James, William, Elouet, daughters Martha and Anne.



The Bookers Family

Virginia Historical Magazine Vol. 7 page 430

marriage Bonds January 1814 Peter Rison and Sallie B. Bookers  
Same Volume page 431 under date of May 12, 1762 lists  
marriage Bonds of William Bibb and Hannah Bookers (nee Clarke)  
Nancy Bibb was daughter of William Bibb who later married  
Davis Bookers, son of Edmund Bookers, Jr.

Same Volume page 96 about Edmund Bookers, Sr. states  
There is a Deed recorded in Amelia County, Va. dated June  
1736 from Edward Bookers to Edmund Bookers. He represented  
Amelia County in House of Burgesses in 1757 (Journal) and  
in 1758 Burk's Virginia Vol. III. He died 1758 Amelia County.

Virginia Historical Magazine Volume 7 page 208

Edmund Bookers Jr. of Amelia County, Virginia, was Justice  
of Peace for Amelia 1775-1783. He was also Lt. Col. in  
Virginia Militia in Revolutionary War, sworn into office  
May 25, 1780. See List of the Revolutionary Soldiers of  
Virginia Special Report of the Dept. of Archives & History  
for 1911, page 52. Also see Officers of the Virginia Militia  
in the Rev. War by J.T. McAllister, Amelia County, Virginia  
page 177. D.A.R. # 76496 and D.A.R. # 78431

Virginia Historical Magazine Volume 7 page 208

Edmund Bookers, Jr. married Edith Marot Cobbs, daughter of  
Samuel Cobbs of Amelia County. There is a deed in Amelia  
dated May 1759 from Edmund Bookers, Jr. and Edith Marot Bookers,  
his wife and Edith widow of Samuel Cobbs and also the Will  
of Edith Marot Cobbs, widow of Samuel Cobbs dated Mar. 9, 1758.  
She names her son-in-law Edmund Bookers, Jr. one of her Ex'trs.



The will of Edmund Booker, Jr., dated Sept. 26, 1792 and proved in Amelia Sept. 24, 1793 mentions as issue and one of his legatees his son Davis Booker.

Virginia Historical Magazine Vol. 7, page 323

Davis Booker of Amelia 1802 was a member of House of Delegates for Amelia County in 1788, a justice and sheriff 1797 & 1798.

He Married Nancy, daughter of William Bibb of Prince Edward County in December 1787. She was born 7/12/1768 ;d.8/9/1797

The Will of Davis Booker dated October 1801 was proved in Amelia County on October 28, 1802. Named in the Will as issue are Sally, Nancy Davis, Polly Bibb and Richard Davis.

Tyler's Quarterly Historical & Genealogical Magazine

Volume 33 Page 54 - Poll of Amelia County Virginia 1768 lists Edmund Booker and William Bibb.

Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine

Volume 7 page 63 - Marriage of Davis Booker and Nancy Bibb in Prince Edward County Virginia Book of Marriage licenses.

They were married by Rev. John A. Smith, December 1787.

Capt. Wm. Bibb, father of Nancy was a Capt. in American Revolution and was also a Huguenot, the son of John Bibb and Susannah Rigger Bibb. John Bibb came to America from France by way of Wales. An Historical Marker, placed by the Georgia State Historical Dept. was dedicated by the Georgia Branch of the Huguenot Society Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia in 1956 and was unveiled by Virginia L. Blount, Huguenot descendant of William Bibb and others.

The monument was placed at the site of Old Petersburg, Ga. founded by William Bibb and other huguenot settlers.



Virginia Historical Magazine Volume 7 page 94

The Pooker Family

In the York County records Book 1638- 1643, page 434  
the following appears :

\*\*\*\*\* (words worn off) Know unto all men by these presents,  
that I, Edward Pooker doe make, constitute , ordayne and  
appoynt my Brother-in-law, Richard Glover, to be my true  
and lawfull atturney for me and in my name, & in my name  
& to my sole & P'per use to aske, demand, Levy, recover and  
receive all bills, debts and demands due to me the said  
Pooker within the collony of Virginia, also to rec. out of  
the hands of Ffrancis Cold, all such tob. rec'd or bills  
to be rec'd mor Whatsoever of mine in his hands & upon  
denyall of payment, to sue, arrest, impeach & imprison  
any of my debt'rs within the said Collony and upon receipt  
of any quantity or quantities of tob. to give acquittance  
for the same & if it seeme good to the s'd Glover to con-  
stitute one or more attorneys under & looke what hee or  
they shall doe or cause to be done in or about the premises.  
I doe ratifie & confirme as if I myselfe weare P'sonally  
present.

Witness my hand & seale, second day of September in the  
Brill, 1646. Brill in Holland

Edward Pooker (the seale)



Also from Virginia Historical Magazine Volume 7-1- Page 94  
"The Bookers Family" refers to York County Records Book  
1638- 1648 page 434 :

Edward Bookers (letter from copied above) d. 1648 in England  
He married \_\_\_\_\_ Glover (see reference in letter to his  
brother-in-law Richard Glover. His son Richard Bookers married  
1st Rebecca (Leake?) ; a son of this marriage was Edmund  
Booker who married Jane Clement ; a son of this marriage  
was Edmund Bookers II who married Edith Cobbs (daughter of  
Samuel Cobbs and Edith Marot whose father was Jean Marot  
the Huguenot Refugee; Brothers and sisters of the above  
Edmund Bookers were Edward Booker, Sr. who married Judith  
Tabb (widow of Col. Archer), George Booker of Gloucester  
who married Sarah Cobbs, Frances Booker who married Stokes,  
and Rebecca Booker who married Capt. Thomas Tabb. Va. County  
records Vol. 9, page 119 and Booker family Bible

Davis Bookers was a son of Edmund Bookers II and his wife  
Edith Cobbs. The wife of Davis Bookers was Nancy Bibb a  
daughter of William Bibb by his first wife Hannah Clarke  
(widow Bookers) see Virginia Historical Magazine Vol. 7, page 431.

The children of Davis Bookers and his wife Nancy Bibb were:

Sallie Bibb Bookers	Born	Aug. 23, 1789
Nancy Bibb Bookers	Born	Feb. 11, 1792
Polly W. Bookers	Born	Nov. 14, 1796
Richard Davis Bookers	Born	Aug. 8, 1801

( son of 2nd marriage )

all listed in family Bible of Sallie Bibb Bookers who was  
wife of Peter Rison.



Virginia Historical Magazine Volume 7 note on page 95.  
From the earliest land grants in 1623 or thereabouts, down to the Revolution, there was not a land grant in Virginia to any Bookers, except to this immediate family.  
Capt. Richard Bookers in July 1685 L Book 7 page 540 received a grant of 740 acres in Gloucester County, Va. Issue by 1st marriage to Rebecca (Leake 7) was Edmund Bookers, Sr.  
He lived for a time in Essex County. He afterwards removed to Amelia which he represented in the House of Burgesses, in 1757 (Journal) and 1758 (Burk's Virginia Vol III. )  
He died in 1758. The Will of Edmund Bookers, Sr., was dated November 10, 1757, and proved in Amelia, September 28, 1759.  
His legatees were his wife Jane, Daughter Frances Clement, sons Edmund, John, William, and Edward, and daughter Rebecca Overton. His son Edmund Bookers, Jr. (Virginia Historical Magazine Vol. 7 page 208) of Amelia County was born \_\_\_\_\_ and died in 1792. He was Justice of the Peace for Amelia. He married Edith Marot, daughter of Samuel Cobbs, of Amelia County. There is a deed in Amelia, May 1759, from Edmund Bookers and Edith Marot Bookers, his wife; and Edith, widow of Samuel Cobbs. In her will dated March 9, 1758, she gives a legacy to her granddaughter, Rachel, daughter of Edmund Bookers, Jr.; and appoints her son-in-law Edmund Bookers, Jr., one of her executors.

The Will of Edmund Bookers, Jr., dated September 26, 1792 and proved in Amelia September 24, 1793, lists son Davis Bookers to share in his estate with grandson Edmund Norton,



sons Edmund, Samuel and daughters Jane, Rachel Morton and Frances Hill.

Virginia Historical Magazine Vol. 7, page 323

Davis Booker of Amelia was born \_\_\_\_\_ and died in 1802. He was a member of the House of Delegates for that county in 1788; a justice, and sheriff 1797-98. He married Nancy, daughter of Wm. Bibb of Prince Edward County. In his will, dated October 1801 and proved in Amelia, October 28, 1802, he names the children given below:

Sally Bibb (Booker)	born	August 23, 1789
Nancy Davis (Booker)	born	February 11, 1792
Folly Bibb (Booker)	born	November 14, 1796
Richard Davis (Booker)	born	August 8, 1801

Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine Vol. VII page 63 for reference for the marriage of Davis Booker to Nancy Bibb by John A. Smith, December 1787, from Book of Marriage Licenses of Prince Edward County.

Virginia Historical Magazine Volume 7 beginning page 208 and continuing :

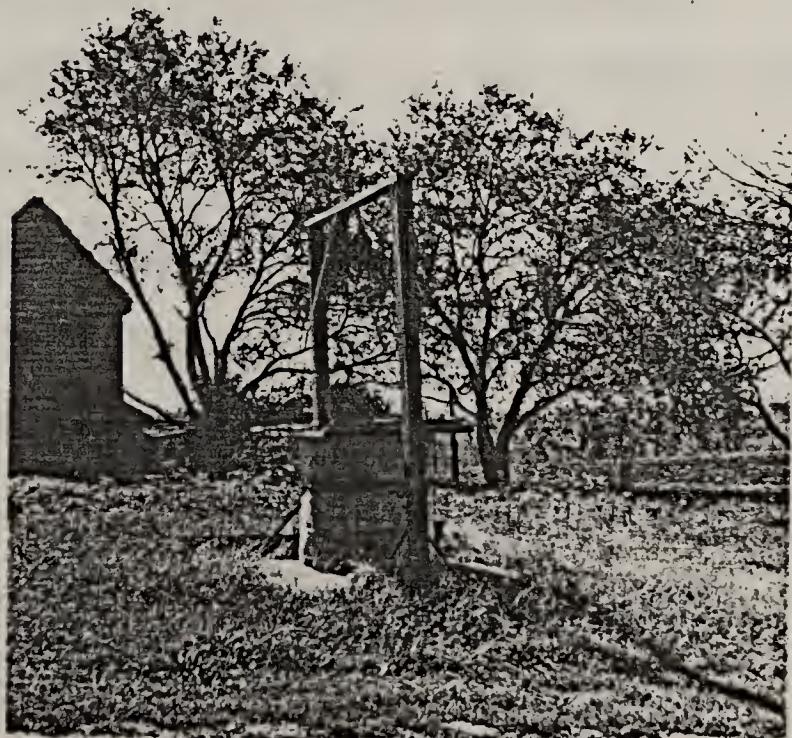
Lucy Booker, daughter of Col. Edward Booker (Brother of Edmund Booker, Sr.) by first wife Mary (Glover) married Richard Clarke of Amelia who was appointed a Justice of Amelia in 1740 but declined to accept.

Raleigh Tavern on Duke of Gloucester Street is one of the most interesting of the reconstructed Exhibition Buildings visited today by the sightseer in Colonial Williamsburg. The guide says that it was here in the Apollo Room in 1776 that Phi Beta Kappa Society was founded and that Richard Booker was one of the charter members.



Below is pictured an old well at the rear of a tenant house at Cedar Grove, the plantation home of the Pooker family in Amelia County, Virginia.

It was at Cedar Grove that Sallie Bibb Pooker was born on August 23, 1789. On Monday evening the 17th of January 1814 Sallie Bibb Pooker and Peter Rison were married in the front parlor. It was at Cedar Grove that Sallie Bibb Pooker Rison died in August 1841, a widow, as Peter had served in the War of 1812 and had died of Pneumonia in Louisville, Ky. in 1834 as he travelled West. It was from Cedar Grove that their eldest son set out for Arkansas Territory to found a new home, the entire trip being made by horseback. This was John William Rison, the first of the family in Arkansas.





Amelia County V. Will Book 1, 1734 - 1761, Pages 136- 137  
Will of Edmund Booker, Sr.

In the Name of God Amen. I Edmund Booker, Senior, of the parish of Raleigh in the County of Amelia being sick and weak in body but, by the blessing of God, in perfect sense, mind and memory, But calling to mind the uncertainty of this mortal life, am desirous to settle that small estate it hath pleased God to bless me with in this world, First and principally I recommend my soul to God that gave it, begging pardon for my sins, through Jesus Christ my Redeemer, and as for my body, to be decently buried according to the discretion of my Executrix and Executors hereafter named, and as for my worldly estate I give and bequeath as followeth, viz.

Imprimis. I give and bequeath to my loving wife, Jane Booker, my land and plantation whereon I now live and the rest of my estate during her natural life and afterwards I dispose of the same as followeth. I give and bequeath to my daughter Frances Clement One pound current money.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Edmund Booker One pound current money

Item I give and bequeath to my son John Booker one negro fellow named Robb to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Edward Booker, Two hundred acres of land where I now live also I give to my son Edward Booker, two negroes named Tammy and Harry to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Booker, two negroes named Dinah and Delpha with their increase, to her and her heirs forever



Item I give & bequeath to my son William Booker one mulatto fellow named Jack, to him & his heirs forever.

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Rebekah Overton One Negro Wench named Daphney with her Increase, to her & her Heirs forever.

Item I Give & Bequeath to my son Edward Booker & my Daughter Ann Booker my horses & household furniture to be equally divided between two to betheirs and their heirs forever.

Item My Will & Desire is that all the Rest of my Estate which is not already mentioned may be equally divided between my son Edward Booker, my Daughter Ann Booker and my sons William Booker to them and their heirs forever.

Also my desire is that my estate shall not be appraised And Lastly I constitute and appoint my Loving Jane Booker my Execr and my sons Edward and Wm. Booker Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereunto I shall set my hand and Seal this 10th day of November 1757.

Signed and Sealed and acknowledged to be the last Will & Testament of Edmund Booker.

Edm. Booker Seal

In presence of

James Barnett  
his  
Johnx McDowell  
mark  
James Bowles

At a court held for Amelia County September 28th 1758 this Will was proved by the oaths of James Barnett, John McDowell & James Bowles the Witnesses thereto sworn to by the ones therein named and ordered to be recorded on the motion of the said Exrs. who conferred into & acknowledged Bond with security as the law directs Certificate for obtaining a Probate in due form hereby being reserved to the Executrix to join in the Probate when she shall think fit.

Test. t. Griffin Peachy



In the Name of God Amen. Edmund Bocher Esq.  
 of the Parish of Raleigh in the County of Antrim, being sick & weak in Body but by reason  
 of longing of God in Perfect Sence Mind & Memory. But calling to mind the uncertainty of  
 this mortal life, am Desirous to settle that small estate it hath pleased God to bestow upon me  
 in this world, First and principally I Recommend my soul to God that gave it me  
 Begging pardon for my sins through Jesus Christ my Redemer, and as for my Body  
 to be decently Buried according to the Discretion of my Executrix it Executrix  
 hereafter named, and as for my worldly estate I Give and Bequeath as followeth.viz.  
 Imprimis. I Give and Bequeath to my loving wife Jane Bocher my Land  
 and plantation whereon I now live and the rest of my estate during her natural  
 life, and afterwards I dispose of the same as followeth. I Give and Bequeath to  
 my Daughter Frances Clement One pound Current Money  
 Item I Give and Bequeath to my son Edmund Bocher One pound Current Money  
 Item I Give and Bequeath to my son John Bocher One Pigeon Fellow  
 named Bobb to him and his Heirs forever  
 Item I Give and Bequeath to my son Edward Bocher Two hundred Pounds of Land  
 where I now live also I Give to my son Edward Bocher Two Pounds in ready



Sammy and Harry to him and his Heirs forever . . . . .  
m I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Ann Bookar, Two Hhds and a half  
Pimash, and Delphi, with their Increase, to her & her Heirs forever . . . .  
m I give and Bequeath to my son William Bookar, One Hhds and a half  
named Jack, to him and his Heirs forever . . . . .  
m I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Rebekah Carlton One Hhds and a half  
named Payhney with her Increase, To her and her Heirs forever . . . .  
m I give and Bequeath to my Son Edward Bookar & my Daughter Ann  
Bookar my Hhds & Household Furniture to be equally Divided Between them  
Two, To them and their Heirs forever . . . . .  
m my Will and Desire is that all the Rest of my Estate, which is not above  
Mentioned, may be Equally Divided Between my Son Edward Bookar my



Daughter Ann Bookher and my son William Bookher to them and there  
heirs forever. . . . .  
My Will my Desire is that my Estates shall not be Appraised And I do  
hereby constitute and appoint my loving wife Jane Bookher my Executrix  
and my Sons Edward and W<sup>m</sup> Bookher Executors of this my last

Will and Testament In Witness whereunto I have set my  
hand and Seal this 10th Day of November 1757

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged  
to be the last Will & Testament of Edmund Bookher

In Presence of

James Barnett  
<sup>see</sup>

John F M<sup>c</sup> Dowel

mark

James Bowles

At a Court held for the County of Franklin September 28, 1758  
This Will was proved by the Oaths of James Barnett, John  
McDonell & James Bowles the Testifiers then to whom Substituted  
Exes therein named & are to be recorded & on the witness of the  
said Exes who came into Court acknowledged Bowles will, Testimony  
as the Law directs Certificate was granted them for obtaining  
a probate in due Form liberty being reserved to the Executrix  
to go into the probate when she shall think fit.

Test O. Bookher Esq.  
Nov 10, 1757



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page 975 Bibb and Lewis Graveyard Kentucky

Sent by Russellville Chapter

Location : Near U.S. Highway 68 between Russellville and Auburn, Ky., in Logan Co. One mile on a rocky country road, turn right at the community known as "Echo Valley" about two or three miles south of Auburn. - Copied by Miss Mary Belle Morton and Mrs. J. Wells Vick, Russellville, Ky. - April 1956.

Beneath this stone rest the remains of Richard Bibb, son of Richard Bibb, Senior and Lucy Bibb, died June 22, 1839, aged 59. He was a gentleman of unblemished integrity, the deepest and purest piety, possessing in an eminent degree the respect and confidence of the community in which he died.

Mary Ann Bibb, consort of Richard Bibb, Senior (2nd wife), born in the Spirit Feb, 11th 1824 - died the 20th day of March 1831, aged 51 years and 20 days. She was a good and affectionate wife, attending to all her Christian and domestic duties. Death has no horrors to her; she left this for a world of glory.

Rev. Richard Bibb, Sacred to the memory of.

He was born in Goochland Co. Va. He died at his residence in Russellville, Ky. Jan. 25th 1839, in the 87th year of his age. He was a man of the most rigid integrity and energy of character, always pious and a devout Christian. Always ready to supply the needs of the poor, and for the last 24 years a minister of the Methodist Church. Sinner, pause here and think of thy Mother and of God.



This stone is sacred to the memory of Mrs. Lucy Bibb by her affectionate husband, Rev. Richard Bibb. She was born on the 16th of Sept. 1758- married Sept. 28, 1775, and departed this life Aug. 24, 1815 in the triumph of her faith. She was the best of wives. She was the best of mothers.

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Eliza H. Bibb, consort of Richard Bibb, Jr., died March 1st, 1827, in her 31st year.

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Eugene Bibb, son of Richard Bibb and Eliza Bibb, died 12th of Jan. 1821 in the 4th year of his age.

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Emaliza Bibb, daughter of Richard and Eliza Bibb, died 19th August 1822 in the 3rd year of her age.

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Roanerges Bibb, son of Richard and Eliza Bibb, died Sept. 19th, 1824, aged 14 years.

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Lucy Bibb, infant daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Bibb, died Oct. 1824, aged 9 months.

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In memory of Mary Bibb, daughter of Gabriel and Mary Lewis, and consort of Wm. E. Curd, born Aug. 10, 1819- mar. May 25 1841 - d. June 6, 1842.

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Note: Rev. Richard Bibb was a Major in the Revolutionary War. Two wives lie buried by his side.

Three daughters of Maj. Bibb and first wife who was nee Lucy Pooker also lie buried here namely : Mrs. Gabriel Lewis, Mrs. Roanerges Roberts, Mrs. Thos. Slaughter.



KERSHAW COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
CAMDEN, S. C.

Wills - Probate Judge's Office

Apt. 7 - Pkg. 208

Estate Biggers Bibb, Late of Kershaw District.

John Gooch, Adms. 1815

This was publickly read by John Kennington, minister, to  
a large congregation of People after Sermon at Cedar Creek  
Meeting House by said John Kennington above mentioned.

10 Oct. 1815

## Administrators Bond

John Gooch of Lancaster District and State aforesaid  
and George Perry of Kershaw District in said State.

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Signatures - James Summerville, Daniel Gardner & Alexander Archer

Settlement of Estate - To cash paid -

W. Bibb, Sr. his share \$128. 95  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

W. Bibb, Jr. " " " "

James Bibb " " " "

John Bibb " " " "

Reub. and Martha A. Landrum, their share \$ 128.95  $\frac{1}{2}$ Thiz. and Mary Atkins, their share \$128.95  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

Robert Bibb



## EARLY SETTLERS OF ALABAMA BY JAMES EDMONDS SAUNDERS

## BIBB FAMILY - pages 433 to 443

Family records of Hon. William Crawford Bibb, of Montgomery; Col. Robert A. Hardaway, of Tuscaloosa; Mrs. Eliza Hopkins, and Mrs. Martha Dandridge Bibb.

Benjaminl Bibb came from Wales to Hanover County, Va. Whom he married is not known. It is said he was a Huguenot who fled to Wales after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, 1685. He had three sons - James, William and Thomas. Of these- William Bibb had issue : 1. John Bibb; Nancy married Robert Edwards; Mary married Barton Key - William and Mary Quarterly Vol. VII, 103. The son---

John Bibb, of Goochland (will 24th May, 1769; proved 17th July, 1769) A John Bibb, in 1738, entered 800 acres in Amelia County, on Buffalo river, and in 1745, 1200acres, and in 1759, 150 acrea (Records) John Bibb married Susannah Bigger , daughter of William Bigger on Jan. 3, 1736. Susannah Bigger was born in Virginia in 1711 and died in Goochland County Dec.22, 1786. She lived in the above county during the American Revolution and has been established as a Revolutionary patriot , DAR Nat. # 255892 and DAR Nat.# 315612 (supplemental)Her services were as a Patriot and Supplier of feeds, Virginia State Auditor Account Vol. 32 pages 34-35, July 1st 1784 Public Service Claims, Goochland Co. Va. in account with the United States. Susannah Bigger Bibb 263. 18.0.

Children of John Bibb and Susannah Bigger Bibb mentioned in his will and recorded in the Bibb Family Bible :



Susannah Bibb	b.1737	m.James Clark	May 19,1762
William Bibb	b.Oct.1,1739	m. 1st Hannah Clark (widow Booker)	
		m.2nd Sally S. Kyatt	
Elizabeth Bibb	b.Feb.28,1741	m.William Farrar	
John Bibb	b.Sept. 10,1743	m. Sarah Thompson	
James Bibb	b.Oct. 28,1745	m.Sarah Farrar	
Thomas Bibb	b.Mar.29, 1749	m. Barbara Cobb	
Richard Bibb	b.Apr. 15,1752	m.1st Lucy Booker	
	d.Jan.25, 1839	2nd Mary Ann Jackson	

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Richard Bibb (above) married, in Prince Edward County, Lucy Booker, daughter of the wife of his brother William Bibb, and hence half-sister to William's children. He was member of the Assembly (1787) from Prince Edward, with John Clarke; trustee of Hampton Sidney College, Virginia,1784-1807 (Virginia Almanack) Removed to Kentucky. From Early Settlers of Alabama by J.E.Saunders page 434 issue listed: son- George W.Bibb of Kentucky b.1772, d.Georgetown,D.C.Apr.14,1859. student William and Mary College,Va. 1795;graduate Princeton; distinguished lawyer and Chief Justice of Kentucky; U.S. Senator (1811) succeeding Henry Clay;Secretary of Navy,1844, under Pres. Tyler.Married 1st Rebecca L. Ashton and 2nd Mrs. Horsley, nee Scott, of Kentucky. The 2nd son of Richard Bibb (above) was :

Major Richard Bibb who died in Russellville, Ky. in 1839. He freed his slaves, leaving his son Zach Bibb, his executor to carry out this provision of his will. One colony of these was located on his lands near Russellville, and called Bibbtown, and consisted, in 1896, of about seventy-five people.



He also left them money, stock and provisions. The other colony was located in Liberia, Africa. The son Zach Bibb born 1798, died Frankfort, Ky., 1893, administered his father's bequest to the letter, even adding to it much of his own wealth in trying to encourage his African colony, of which much has been written in periodicals and papers. A 3rd son of Richard was John Bibb, b. 1789; d. Russellville, Ky. when nearly a hundred - loved by all for his goodness and many charities. No children. There were two daughters - Mrs. Burnley and Mrs. Slaughter, mother of Richard Bibb Slaughter and Mary Slaughter who married Gabriel Jones Lewis (1807).

The second and third sons of the John Bibb above who married Susannah, daughter of William Bigger, the Scotsman, were John who was born in Virginia and James, born in Virginia, who removed to Elbert County, Georgia, with his brother, William, and there left many descendants, who are scattered, says Governor Gilmer's " Georgians ".

Early Settlers of Alabama by James E Saunders Page 434  
William Bibb, eldest son of John Bibb of Goochland d. 1769 and his wife Susannah Bigger, daughter of William Bigger, the Scotsman, was born in Hanover County, Va. 1739, removed to Prince Edward County, Va. in 1774. He was a member of the Convention in 1774-5, and of Committee of Safety; Prince Edward County, 1775, Captain in Revolution ary Army 1777 and Sheriff in 1789. He married in Prince Edward county 1st Mrs. Fooker (nee Hannah Clark) May 12, 1762 and on Dec. 4, 1779, he married 2nd Sally Wyatt, sister of Col.



Joseph Wyatt of Charlotte, and relative of Mrs. Washington through the Dandridge family. " Married - Captain William Bibb, of Prince Edward county, to Miss Sally Wyatt, of New Kent, an amiable young lady, with a handsome fortune." from Virginia Gazette. They removed to Elbert County, Georgia, 1789, where he died, 1796. Mrs. Bibb was born in 1769, and died 15th August, 1826, at the home of her son, Governor William Wyatt Bibb, Autanga County, Alabama.

The children of William Bibb and Hannah Clark (Booker) (for marriage see Virginia Historical Magazine Vol.7 p.431) were Elizabeth, Lucy, Hannah, Nancy, Sallie Booker. )

Elizabeth married Captain John Scott and moved to Franklin, Tenn. On page 433 of Saunders Early Settlers Lucy who married David Clark and Nancy are mentioned. ( Virginia Historical Magazine Vol. 7 page 323 tells of Marriage of Nancy, daughter of Wm. Bibb to Davis Booker; also Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine Vol. 7 page 63 tells of the marriage in Dec. 1787 of Davis Booker and Nancy Bibb performed by Rev. John Smith, recorded in Book of Marriages Prince Edward County. )

Sally Bibb, daughter of Wm. Bibb and Hannah Clark (Booker) married 1st Marable Walker of Augusta, Ga. no issue and m. 2nd Archelaus Jarrett of Elbert County, Ga. Issue: Martha Bibb Jarrett and Eliza Dandridge Jarrett.

Hannah Bibb, daughter of Wm. Bibb and Hannah Clark (Booker) married 1st Peyton Wyatt; issue William Wyatt and Peter Wyatt; She married 2nd Major John Tittle; issue ; John Tittle ; Margaret m. Dr. Fowler of Montgomery, Ala. and Harriet m. 1st Garden m. 2nd -- Knox , of Autanga, Ala. . No issue.



Here is inserted the lineal descent of the compiler of these records, Virginia Lightle Blount, and her grandchildren through 12 generations from these Bibb ancestors as filed and established by DAR lineage papers with National Numbers as follows:

DAR Nat # - 25045; 67377; 151123 ; 159701; 233220; 255992; 315  
DAR Nat # -315612 with supplementals -Susannah Bigger Bibb;  
Edmund Booker ; Ellery Rison; and DAR Nat.# 482564  
with CAR # 92810 and CAR # 99890

Bibb Family - 1. Benjamin Bibb  
2. William Bibb  
3. John Bibb married Susannah Bigger  
4. William Bibb - wife Hannah Clark (Booker)  
5. Davis Booker - wife Nancy Bibb  
6. Peter Rison - wife Sallie Bibb Booker  
7. John William Rison -wife Harriet Clifton  
8. Richard Ellery Rison -wife Emma Scales  
9. Richard G. Lightle - wife Ethel Rison  
10. George C. Blount - wife Virginia Lightle

George Chisolm Blount, son of William Augustus Blount and wife Edda Dale Chisolm, was born March 21, 1889, at Appleton, South Carolina and Married on June 3, 1920 to Virginia Lightle of Searcy ,Arkansas, who was born September 17, 1899. Generations 11 and 12 in the Bibb lineage above are as follows: George Chisolm Blount , Jr. and Elizabeth Dale Blount, son and daughter of George C. Blount and Virginia L. Blount married as follows:



George C. Blount, Jr. born March 1, 1921, married Vincencia Allen Shipp on December 18, 1948, their children were William Markham Blount, born December 12, 1950 and Jennie Allen Blount, born February 26, 1955

Elizabeth Dale Blount, daughter of George C. Blount and Virginia L. Blount, born May 30, 1927 married James Madison Jennings on May 21, 1949, their children were Virginia Dale Jennings, born March 16, 1953 and James Madison Jennings, Jr., born April 28, 1956.

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Returning to the listing of the descendants of Capt. Wm. Bibb of Prince Edward County, Va. Revolutionary patriot issue by his 2nd marriage to Sally Wyatt were :

William Wyatt Bibb, M.D., and Governor of Alabama ( b. Prince Edward county 1781, d. 10th July, 1820, in Autauga county, Ala. from the effects of a fall from his horse, which became frightened in a violent thunder storm ); graduated at Medical College, Philadelphia ; member Georgia Legislature, and U.S. Congress from Georgia, 1806, and U.S. Senator from Georgia, 1810; and Territorial and State Governor of Alabama, 1817-20; declined appointment as minister to Russia (on account of health) by President Madison. Practised his profession first, in Petersburg Elbert county, Ga., and there married Mary, daughter of Col. Holman Freeman, " The belle and beauty of Broad River. "

Thomas Bibb, second son of "m. Bibb and Sally Wyatt Bibb 2nd wife, Governor of Alabama b. 1783, d. September, 1839, Huntsville, Ala., Moved from Elbert county, Georgia, to Huntsville, Alabama, 1816.



Succeeded his brother, as the second Governor of Alabama (1820) by virtue of being president of the Senate 1818. Member of Convention to frame Constitution of Alabama, 1818; and also Convention 1825, to amend the same, and, afterward, several times in Legislature. Of great intellectual force and indomitable energy, and of marked distinction of bearing. Very wealthy. married Parmelia, daughter of Robert Thompson and Sarah Watkins (who was b. 1760) only daughter of James and Martha (Thompson) Watkins, Virginia. Their home, near Huntsville, Alabama, was "Belle Mina" See Watkins and Thompson families.

Rev. Peyton Bibb, of M.E. Church, South was the third son of Capt. Wm. Bibb and his 2nd wife Sally Wyatt. He was b. Prince Edward County, Virginia, 1785, d. 1841; planter of Autauga county, Ala., educated by Dr. Waddel; married, says Governor Gilmer, "Martha Cobb (neice of old William Cobb, who lived to be 111 years old, and when 110, married a girl of 18)" He also established the line of steamboats running from Montgomery to Mobile, Ala., before the time of railroads.

John Dandridge Bibb was the fourth son of Capt. Wm. Bibb and his 2nd wife Sally Wyatt. He was named for Mrs. Washington's brother at her request R. Prince Edward County, Va. March 10, 1788; d. May 9, 1848, on plantation on Yazoo river, Carroll parish, Miss; married February 6, 1812, Mary Xenia Oliver, b. 1797; d. 1846; a lady of beauty and intelligence; daughter of John and Frances (Thompson) Oliver, of Petersburg, Georgia. He studied law under Hon. Wm. H. Crawford, and practised with him as junior partner, (see Oliver family).



"The wealth acquired by this marriage" says Gov. Gilmer, "enabled him to quit the profession of law for that of planting." They removed to Madison county, Mississippi territory 1814, and to Montgomery City, Alabama Territory, 1818, and was judge of the Territorial Court, and State Senator, and member of the Constitutional Convention, then moved to Morgan county, above Decatur, 1827, returning finally to Montgomery, Alabama. This couple were buried in Mississippi, but remains were finally removed to Montgomery by their devoted son, William Crawford Bibb.

Joseph Wyatt Bibb, M.D. was the fifth son of Capt. Wm. Bibb and his 2nd wife, Sally Wyatt. He was born in Prince Edward county, Va. 1788, d. 1831. He Graduated from medical college, Philadelphia, about 1811. Practised in Petersburg, Georgia, and with Dr. McDonald in North Alabama. Removed to Montgomery 1830. Married 1st. Louisa Du Rose, sister of Mrs. Robert Toombs, of Georgia, and m. 2nd Martha Dancy, the accomplished belle of North Alabama.

Delia Bibb, a daughter of Capt. Wm. Bibb and his 2nd wife, Sally Wyatt, m. Alex. Pope, of Georgia, a grandson of Col. Pope of the Rev. who was also a member of the "Order of Cincinnatus", Alex. Pope served as secretary to Governor William Wyatt Bibb, and held several offices under U.S. Gov.

Martha Dandridge Bibb, a daughter of Capt. Wm. Bibb and his 2nd wife Sally Wyatt, died February, 1835. She married



Fleming Freeman, son of Col. Holman Freeman of Rev. fame in North Georgia, and Whig leader under Gov. Elijah Clark.

Fleming Freeman was a grandson of George Walton, the signer.

Judge Benajah Smith Bibb was the sixth son of Capt. Wm. Bibb and his 2nd wife, Sally Wyatt. He was b. Elbert county, Ga. Sept 30, 1796, a posthumous son of Capt. Wm. Bibb and "the companion of his mother". He died in Montgomery, Ala. Feb. 17, 1884. He was educated by Dr. Waddel; moved to Alabama 1822, Judge of Montgomery County Court 1825. Went to Morgan county 1827, and represented it in Legislature 1829. Returned to Montgomery 1832. Again Judge and State Senator 1834-36; Legislature 1845-49, Senate 1851. An "old-line Whig," and chairman of the committee to receive Henry Clay 1844, and also President Fillmore and Secretary John P. Kennedy in 1854. Trustee of the A&M. College, Auburn, Ala. and Judge of the Criminal Court 1864. The first office holder removed in Alabama by Federal authority, because of his unflinching devotion to the Confederacy. He married 1819, Sophia Lucy Ann Gilmer d. Jan. 9, 1887, sister of Gov. Geo. R. Gilmer, author of the "Georgians". Their father was Thomas, grandson of Dr. George Gilmer, of Va., who married the daughter of Thomas Lewis - all celebrated Virginians, who settled on Broad river, Georgia. Mrs. Bibb was best known for her love of the Confederacy and its soldiers, for whom she founded a hospital in Montgomery and was its President; she, and her devoted band of co-laborers maintaining it from their own efforts and resources. They then organized the "Ladies Confederate Memorial Association," of which she was President;

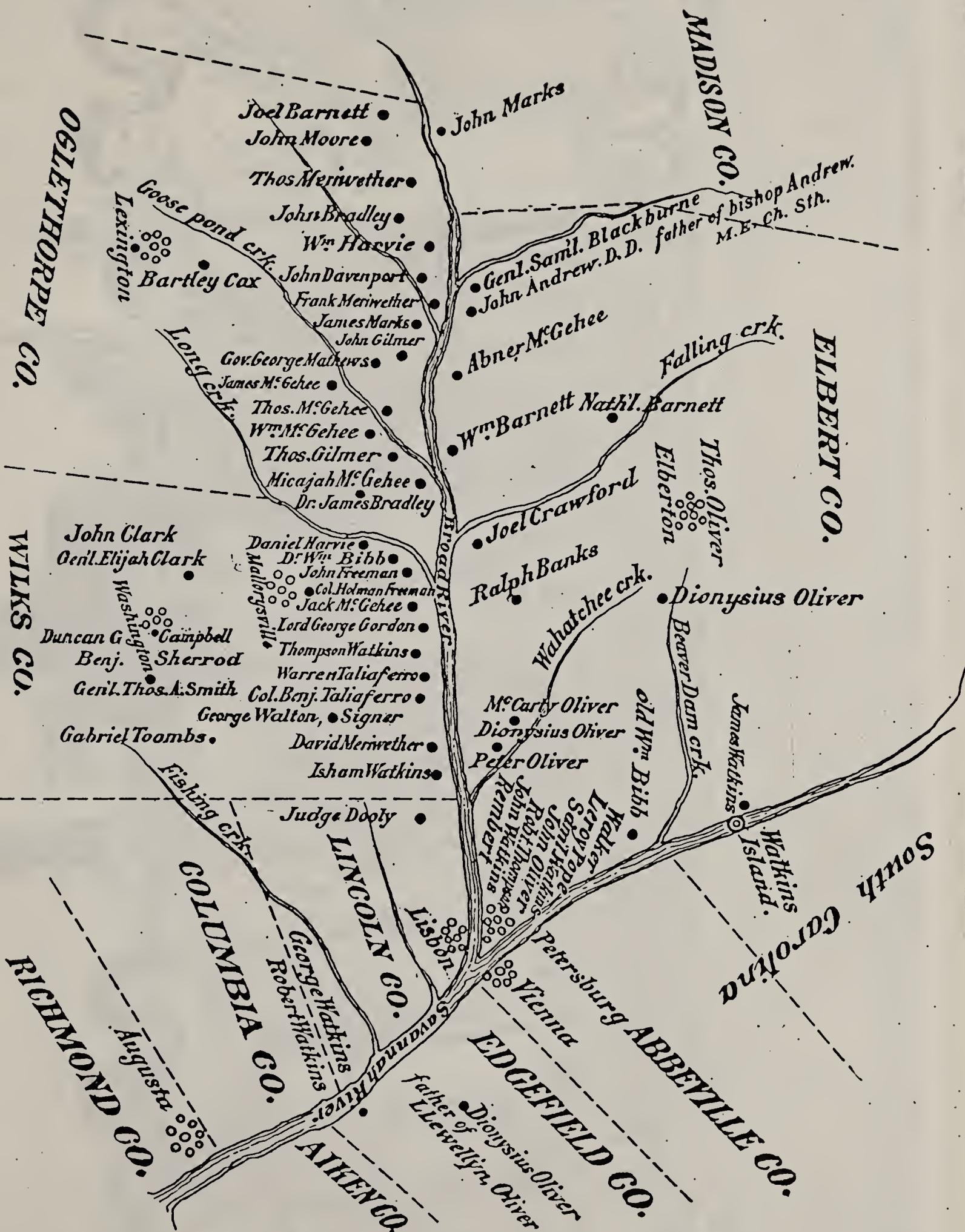


and erected the towering Monumant, to the laying of whose corner-stone President Jefferson Davis came in 1886, when their meeting was very pathetic. She was honored in death with a public demonstration unparalleled in the history of the State.

All the preceding lineage and history of the Bibb Family is recorded in "Early Settlers of Alabama" by James Edmonds Saunders, pages 433 to 443. There are also several generations of the descendants of each of the children of Capt. Wm. Bibb listed in these pages.

William Crawford Bibb, the fifth child of John Dendridge Bibb and his wife Mary Xenia Oliver and Grandson of Wm. Bibb and Sally Wyatt was of much culture and caring more for research than many of his relatives wrote a "Record of the Bibb Family" which has been mainly followed in these pages. He was born in 1820. In the spring of 1865 Mr. Bibb undertook a mission to Washington City armed with letters of introduction, the result of one of which was a personal interview with President Lincoln. The story of this interview, Mr. Bibb published in the March and April numbers of the "Gulf Messenger" 1893. The date of the meeting with Lincoln was April 12, 1865. Mr. Bibb was on the train from Baltimore to New York two days later on the fatal night of the 14th when just before reaching Philadelphia the conductor announced the assassination of Lincoln and Seward. Mr. Bibb felt that had these two lived, they would have prevented, in united action, the horrors of the years that followed Lee's surrender.





Governor Gilmer's Map of the BROAD RIVER SETTLEMENT, GEORGIA, enlarged to include  
*Elbert County*, after 1780, and also some other settlers.



Georgia in Elbert County by Ga. Huguenots -1956





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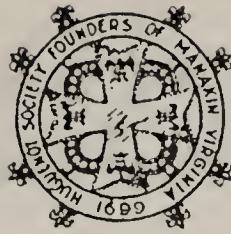
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## The Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin In the Colony of Virginia





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IN THE COLONY OF VIRGINIA

Recognized Honor Days are :

April 17 - To commemorate the organization of our Society

April 30 - The anniversary of the inauguration of the

First President of the United States of America

June 14 - United States Flag Day

July 4 - American Independence Day

Sept. 17 - United States Constitution Day

Oct. 28 - Edict of Nantes Commemoration - 1598

(Revocation Edict Nantes 1685)

Nov. 11 - Armed Forces Day

Programs

" Songs of the Huguenots"

" Huguenot Ancestry of George Washington"

"European Background of the Huguenots in America"

"Sept. 6 Lafayette Day "

" Mary and Martha Washington " by R. J. Lossing

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" Life of Matthew Fontaine Maury "

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" Huguenot Artisans"

" Films or Slides of Manakin Church"

" Huguenot Ancestor of a Local Society Member "

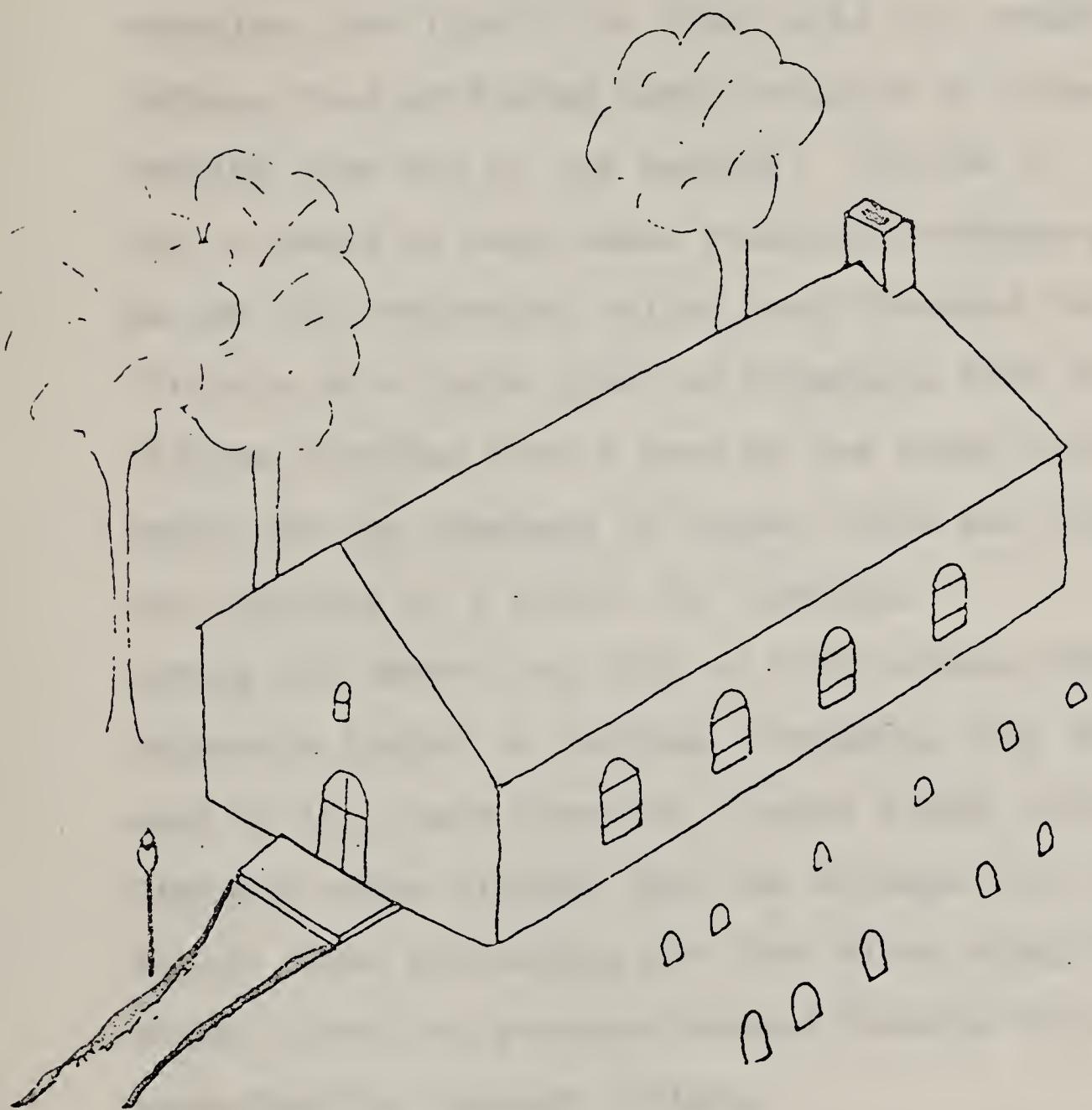
" Arts and Crafts of the Huguenots"- Glass making, silk, wine etc



# MANAKIN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

KING WILLIAM PARISH

POWHATAN COUNTY



Founded by The Huguenots  
1700



## A Brief History of Manakin Church

The Huguenots, a French Protestant group who followed the teachings of Calvin, for many years enjoyed religious freedom protected by the Edict of Nantes of 1598. During the reign of Louis XIV, however, they were subjected to more and more persecution, and finally in 1685 Louis XIV revoked the Edict of Nantes, thus outlawing their religion in France and in effect driving them out of the country. William III of England did all he could to help these religious refugees, and in 1700 he and the Protestant Relief Fund financed the settling in Virginia of a large group of Huguenots then in England. William directed that a part of the money thus donated be set aside for the purchase of Prater Books and Bibles and for the building of a church in Virginia.

During the summer and fall of 1700 several ship-loads of Huguenots landed at Hampton, Virginia. They were immediately sent up the James River to a point twenty miles west of Richmond where William Byrd had arranged for them a grant of 10,000 acres stretching for five miles along the south side of the river and centered around Manakin Town, an abandoned town-site of the Monacan Indians.

To further aid these Manakin Town Huguenots, the Virginia House of Burgesses on December 5, 1700, passed -

"An act making the French refugees inhabiting at Manakin towne and the parts adjacent a distinct parish by themselves and exempting them from the payment of publick and county levyes for seaven years."

The act declared that this new parish would be called King



William Parish. This act did much to encourage the Huguenots to establish a permanent settlement, for it allowed them to collect their own parish tithes ( taxes) which they could then use to support their own church and community efforts.

In early 1701, under the leadership of Benjamin de Joux, who had been ordained by the Bishop of London and sent as minister to the Nanakin Town Huguenots, they built the first church at Nanakin. This church was probably located near the river and about half-way between the two creeks now known as Bernard's Creek and Norwood Creek, the boundaries of the Huguenot grant. It was reported by the Swiss traveler Francis Louis Michel in 1702 to have been a small, octagonally shaped building. He also reports that at that time £200 had been set aside to build a larger building.

De Joux died in 1704 and was succeeded by Claude Phillippe de Richebourg who, although never ordained in the Church of England, served as minister until 1711 when he left for South Carolina. In 1710 the first church was replaced by a second one. It was a larger building, but there seems to be nothing to indicate how much larger.

When de Richebourg left in 1711, Jean Cairon became the minister at Nanakin and was the last regular minister of Huguenot descent. After his death in 1716 the Vestry had to rely upon ministers from neighboring communities, normally paying them twenty shillings per sermon, and lay readers appointed by the Vestry. Because of the necessity of relying on these neighboring ministers the service at Nanakin became closer to that of the Church of England, and the use of the English Language in the



Church became more frequent.

During all this period the Vestry of the Church fulfilled a quite important role. Each year they set the amount of the tithes to be assessed each tithable, and with this they conducted the affairs of the church as well as supported the paupers and orphans, looked after the morals of the community, and periodically had land boundaries resurveyed. The tithes during this period were not paid in cash, but in wheat, maize, and tobacco, and by 1717 the Vestry seldom even referred to pounds, shillings, and pence, but made its assessments in terms of bushels of wheat and maize and pounds of tobacco. A typical assessment might be one bushel of wheat and one bushel of maize or thirty pounds of tobacco per tithable for the year.

By 1730 it was decided that there was a need for a new church. The second church had been built in 1710, apparently as a community effort rather than by one builder. During the years following it had undergone constant repair. Since the Huguenots had moved out of their Village and were now living on the land they farmed, it was decided to build the new church in a more central location at the junction of the River Road and the Ferry Road, close to the location of the present church. Thus in 1730, the third church at Nanakin was built at a cost of 21,600 pounds of tobacco, or approximately £ 130.

It was a much larger building and was used from 1730 until 1895. The more than a century and a half during which the third church was in use saw many changes in the Nanakin Town area. Through these years the number of the congregation grew smaller. It was during this period that the Methodist movement



was beginning to split off from the Church of England. The Manakin congregation were among those caught up in this turmoil, and in the spring of 1780 an important meeting, attended by Francis Astbury, was held at Manakin Town in an attempt to find a solution to the problems which troubled Anglicanism. Manakin Church, however, was held together during the years that followed by such notable and self-sacrificing men as the Rev. A. B. Tizard, the minister from 1857 to 1897.

By 1895 it became evident that the existing church was too large for the size of the congregation, so in that year it was torn down and the fourth Manakin Church was built. With the emergence of modern lighting and heating facilities the congregation decided that the fourth church was no longer adequate. Therefore in 1954, with the generous financial help of the National Huguenot Society of the Descendants of Manakin Town in the State of Virginia, the fifth Manakin Church was built. This is the first church at Manakin to be built of brick. It is modeled after William Byrd's church at Westover, one of the oldest in the state, and thereby serves as a reminder of the help which Byrd gave the original settlers at Manakin Town.



Below is listed the line of descent of Virginia L. Elount, the compiler of these records, from the union of two other families of the State of Virginia. They are the Rison and Rowlett families as follows:

DAR Nat. # 215612 - Supplemental Ellery Rison

Ellery Rison served as Sergeant in 4th Va. Regiment

Revolutionary War - Continental Line, Capt. George Wall's

Company; Name appears on pay roll Jan. 1778

See list of the Rev. Soldiers of Va. Supplement Part 2 page

258, Special Report of the Dept. of Archives & History for

1912. See War Dept. Photograph of the payrolls of the Va.

Continental line, by folders See folder 97 page 6

War Dept. Cert. bound #213737.

Ellery Rison was born 1759 probably in Charles County Md.

He died in Amelia County Virginia in 1834. He was married

on Feb. 19, 1780 to Elizabeth Rowlett who was born 1762 and

died prior to 1868. See DAC # 13120, published DAC lineage

Books Vol.4; also 1790 Census Amelia Co. Va. pg. 82

Ref. Wm. & Mary College Quarterly Series 1 -Vol.16, page 230.

Ellery Rison was Clerk of Court in Amelia Co. Va. 1792-1808.

also see Amelia Co. Va. Deed Pock 18, pg. 218, Oct. 14, 1787.

Children of Ellery Rison and Elizabeth Rowlett;

John Rison married Jane Foster Dec. 28, 1802

Peter Rison married Sallie Rabb Pooker Jan. 17, 1814

Ellery Rison married Frances Vasser Nov. 1808

William Rison

Richard Rison married Mary Fonton 1802



Peter Rison, son of Ellery Rison and Elizabeth Rowlett was born on Sept. 2, 1786 at Amelia County, Va. and died at Louisville, Kentucky on Feb. 26, 1834. He married Sallie Bibb Booker on Jan. 17, 1814. She was born on Aug. 23, 1789 at Amelia Co. Va. and died at Cedar Grove, Amelia Co. Va. on Aug 1814. Ref. Va. Hist. Mag. Vol. 7 page 420; Early Va. Marriages Part I pg. 71, Edited by W. A. Crozier; Service of Peter Rison in Va. Militia, War of 1812 see War Dept. Records, Wash. D.C.

John William Rison, son of Peter Rison and his wife Sallie Bibb Booker was born on April 21, 1820 at Amelia County, Va. and died at Perryville, Ark. on June 19, 1886. He married Harriet Clifton (Jones) in 1843. She was born on Oct. 4, 1822 and died at Little Rock, Pulaski Co. Ark. on Sept. 14, 1901/ Ref. Gen. Records Ark. DAR 1927-28, page 38; Tombstone records; "Biographical & Hist. Memoirs of Central Ark." Goodspeed Pub. Co. 1889.

Richard Ellery Rison, son of John Wm. Rison and his wife Harriet Clifton was born on Oct. 10, 1852 at Perryville, Ark. and died at Perryville, Ark. on Aug. 19, 1935. He married 1st Emma Jane Scales in 1874. She was born in Linn Co. Missouri on Feb. 12, 1855 and died at Perryville, Ark. on Sept. 8, 1887. Ref. Tombstone records; DAR # 233220; "Good for another 100 years" pub. Ark. Dem. Mag. July 11, 1954.

Mary Ethel Rison was the daughter of Richard Ellery Rison and his 1st wife, Emma Jane Scales,. She was born on Aug. 1, 1877, at Perryville, Ark. and died at Pueblo, Colo. on Oct. 23, 1953. She married Richard Graham Lightle on Aug. 3, 1898.

Virginia Lightle Flount was the eldest daughter of this couple.



THE NATIONAL SOCIETY



Copy of Daughters of the American Colonists

Membership Certificate

Direct descent from a Huguenot Refugee is one of the  
qualifications for eligibility.

This Certifies that  
Virginia Sigitte Blount  
was elected a member of the National Society Daughters of the American  
Colonists, having been admitted through the State of Ga.  
National Board, by virtue of her descent from Col. William Ball  
who rendered loyal services in the Colony of Ga. thereby furthering  
the establishment of the great Commonwealth of the United States of America  
Given under our hands and the seal of the National Society  
this eleventh day of April, 1955.

Lawrence H. Peterson

National President

Frances Dill Mullens

National Recording Secretary

Marjorie Transleton

National Registrar

National No. 13120  
Admitted April 11, 1955.



The Huguenot Publication 5-7 - 1931-35 ; Pub. 37, page 153  
Passengers on the Peter and Anthony to James Town 1700  
" List of All Ye Passingers from London to James River in  
Virginia, being French Refugees imbarqued in the ship Ye  
Peter and Anthony, Galley of London, Daniel Perreau Commander  
(Viz T) Guillaume Rullett ( William Roulet) ancestor of  
Olina P. Tebo Nat. # 337 - 1936

James Towne in Virginia , Ye 20th of Sept'r , 1700

note: another spelling of this family name was Rowlett.

It was also spelled Rollet and Rulleau.

Descendants bearing these names are found in Virginia  
County Records in several counties notably Henrico County,  
Amelia County ,Chesterfield County, Prince Edward County, Etc.  
Ellery Rison of these lineage records was born in 1759 in  
Amelia County, Va. and married Elizabeth Rowlett born 1762  
daughter of George Rowlett of Amelia County, Va. see Deed  
Book of Amelia County #18 page 218 Oct. 14, 1787 ,deed to land  
1st Census of U.S. (1182 Va. Amelia County) Heads of families  
in Amelia County page 11 - Ellery Rison is listed as head  
of family of 5 and George Rowlett is listed as head of  
family of 8 with 3 slaves .

In the lists of Virginia Tax payers page 108 - 1782-1787  
there are several bearing the name Rowlett.

In the Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War by J.T.  
McAllister there are listed several officers bearing the  
name Rowlett.



Amelia County Deed Book 20-1794-1799, pages 291 and 292  
Deed from George Rowlett and Patty Rowlett to Thomas Rowlett  
22nd June 1797 This Indenture made this Twenty first day of  
June in the year of our Lord Christ one Thousand seven hundred  
and ninety seven between George Rowlett sr. and Patty Rowlett  
his wife of the County of Amelia of the one part and Thomas  
Rowlett son of the said George Rowlett, of the said County of  
the other part, witnesseth that the said George Rowlett and  
Patty Rowlett his wife for and in consideration of the sum of  
Twenty dollars to them in hand paid current money of Virginia  
the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge, have granted  
bargained and sold aliened released and confirmed and by these  
presents do the grant, bargain, sell, alien release and confirm  
unto the said Thomas Rowlett his heirs and assigns forever one  
certain Tract or parcel of Land containing by Estimation one  
hundred and twenty six acres be the same more or less it being  
that Tract of Land conveyed to me by deed by William Gibbs of  
Chesterfield County and bounded as follows viz beginning at  
Colo Greens Line on Senacks Creek, then down Senacks till it  
meet the Mill Lot Line thence along the Mill Lot line till it  
meet the said George Rowlett's line between this Tract and the  
Tract whereon the said George Rowlett now lives (being hereto-  
fore a separate Tract from this) thence along the said Rowlett's  
line till it meet John Websters line thence along the said  
Websters line till it meet Daniel Worsham's line thence along the  
said Worsham's line till it meet the aforesaid Colo Greens line  
to the aforesaid Senacks Creek and all the Estate right, title,  
interest, use, trust, property claim and demand of them the said



George Rowlett and Patty Rowlett Aforesd and to the said Land and Promises the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders with their and every of their appertenances thereunto belonging to have and to hold the said Land and premises with their and every of their appurtenances to the said Thomas Rowlett and to the only proper use and behoof of the said Thomas Rowlett his heirs and assigns forever and the said land and premises with their and every of their appurtenances unto the said Thomas Rowlett his heirs and assigns against them the said George Rowlett and Patty Rowlett his wife and against all other persons whatsoever shall and will warrant and by these presents forever defend. In Witness whereof the said George Rowlett sen<sup>n</sup> and Patty Rowlett his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

Signed Dated and Delivered  
in the presence of

George Rowlett LS  
her  
Patty X Rowlett LS  
mark

Memorandum that on the 21st day of June 1797 Livery and Seizure was granted by the within named George Rowlett and Patty Rowlett his wife to within named Thomas Rowlett according to the form and effect of the within written Deed. In presence of

At a Court held for Amelia County  
the 22nd day of June 1797

George Rowlett LS  
her  
Patty X Rowlett LS  
mark

This Indenture from George Rowlett and Patty his wife the memorandum hereto annexed to Thomas Rowlett was acknowledged by the said George to be his act and deed and the said Patty personally appeared in Court and being first previously examined who freely and voluntarily relinquished her right of Power in and to the within mentioned land to Thomas Rowlett the same ordered to be recorded. test James Townes Ca C



Adams County, Deed Book 20, 1791 - 1799

22<sup>nd</sup> June 1797;

9 11

This Rec'dentent made this Twenty first day of June in the year of our Lord  
Eighty, one thousand seven hundred and Ninety Seven between George Rowlett, senr  
and Patty Rowlett, his wife of the County of Amelia of the one part, and Thomas  
Rowlett son of the said George Rowlett, of the said County of Amelia part, witnesseth  
that the said George Rowlett, and Patty Rowlett, his wife for and in consideration  
of the sum of Twenty dollars to them in hand paid, sum and money of Virginia  
the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge, have granted, bargained, and sold  
Alined, Released, and Confirmed and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell,  
Alow Release and confirm unto the said Thomas Rowlett, his heirs and assigns  
forever our certain tract or parcel of Land containing by Estimation one hundred  
and twenty six acres be the same more or less it being that Tract of Land bounded  
to the west by deed by William Gibby of Chesterfield County and bounded as  
follows, beginning at lot. 1<sup>o</sup> grnd Line on Guadet's Creek then down Guadet's  
Creek to meet the Mill Lot Line running along the Mill Lot Line till it meets the  
said George Rowlett's line between his Tract and the Tract whereon the said



George Rowlett now lives (being therefore a Separate tract from this) thence  
along the said Rowlett line till it meet John Webster's line thence along the said  
Webster's line till it meet Paul Hougham line thence along the said Hougham  
line till it meet the aforesaid Col. Green's line thence along the said Green's line  
to the aforesaid Tractor's brick and all the Estate, right, Title, Interest, and Justice  
properly, plainly, and demand, of them the said George Rowlett and Sally  
Rowlett of and to the said Land and Conveyes the Reversion, and  
Reversions, Remainder, and Demands: with their undivided share  
Appurtenances therunto belonging to have and to hold the said Land and



Whereas it is shewn on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 1797 Lucy and Sezen  
was granted by the within named George Rowlett, and, Batty Rowlett his  
wife to within named Thomas Rowlett according to the form and effect of  
the within written Deed.

in presence of

George Rowlett A.S.

Batty Rowlett A.S.

In a Court held for Amelia County the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 1797:

This Indenture from George Rowlett, and, Batty his wife  
with the memorandum thereto annexed to Thomas Rowlett was acknowledged on the  
said George to be his act and deed and the said Batty personally appeared in  
court and being first previously examined who freely and voluntarily annexed  
her affright of Rowlett and to the within instrument made promises unto the said  
Thomas Rowlett and the same is ordered to be recorded. Teste Lucy Rowlett ex

Ex



22<sup>nd</sup> June 1773

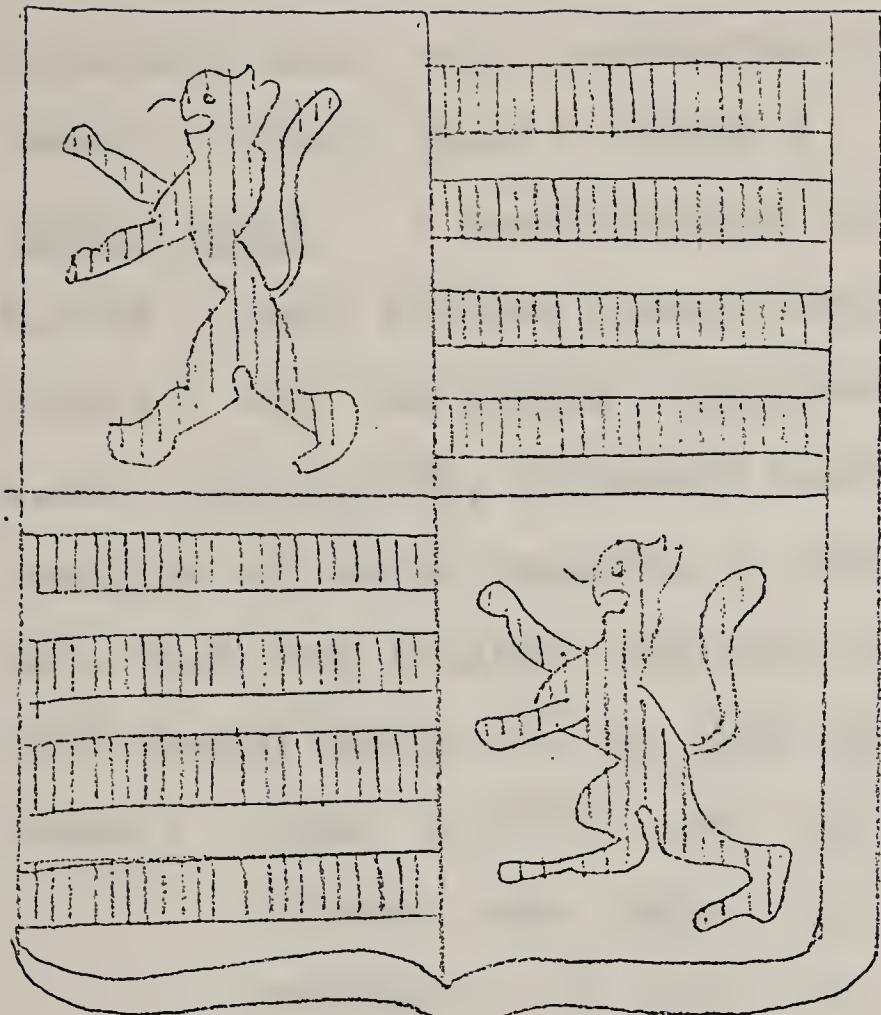
binding with these and every of these appurtenances to the said Thomas Powell  
 and to his sole property and benefit of the said Thomas Powell, his heirs  
 and assigns forever, and the said land and premises with these and every  
 of these appurtenances unto the said Thomas Powell, his heirs and assigns  
 during the said George Powell and Patti Powell his wife and  
 against all other persons whatsoever shall and will warrant and by these  
 presents forever defend Mr. Willis whence the said George Powell, son  
 and Patti Powell his wife have herunto set their hands and seals  
 the day and year above written.

Signed Sealed and delivered  
 in the presence of . . . . .

George Powell L.S.

Patti <sup>her</sup> X Powell L.S.  
 Patti





Rison  
de St Eloy  
Guyenne Bret.



Rison Family Records

John Risen

b., d.,

m. October 20, 1750, Hannah Chinn, in Lancaster County, Virginia, daughter of Raleigh Chinn, Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth Ball. Ref. Overwharton Parish Register

Issue : Ellery Rison - Others ?

Ellery Rison - Revolutionary Soldier

b.1759 - prob. Charles County Maryland, living in Amelia Co.Va.

d.1834 - Ref. DAR 315612 -Supplemental

m.1st. Feb.19,1780, Elizabeth Rowlett, b.1762 in Amelia Co.Va. daughter of George Rowlett, d. prior to 1808

Ref. Wm.& Mary College Quarterly Series 1,Vol.16,page 280

1790 Census Amelia Co. Va. page 82; Amelia Deed Book 18,pg218

Issue : John b. 1782 - see pg. 84 and pg. 85

Ellery -see page 86

William - see page 86

Richard - b. 1785 - see page 87 and page 88and 89

Peter - b.September 2, 1786 - page 90 and 91

John Rison - (son of Ellery Rison ,Rev. Soldier & 1st wife Elizabeth Rowlett)

b.1782 ; d. Will probated April 9, 1838

res. Amelia County, Va. and Pratts' Castle, Gamble Hill, Richmond , Va.

m. December 28, 1802, Jane Foster

Issue : see pg. 85



Julia

Harriet m. George Gibbons

Frances

Martha Elizabeth, b. 1821, Chesterfield County, Va., d. 1886

William, b. Aug. 24, 1813, Chesterfield County, Va.

John W.

William Rison (son of John W. Rison and Jane Foster - above)

b. Aug. 24, 1813, Chesterfield County, Va.

d. Danville, Va. 1902

Lt. Col. 101st Reg. in 1846, served as Clerk of Corp. Court

m. Sally Anne Townes, dau. of Col. George Townes and his wife

Elizabeth Runstall.

Issue: Elizabeth (Petty) m. Pleasant R. Jones, of Danville, Va.

Issue: (daughter) Mrs. John L. Gilmer, Robt. E. Lee Hotel  
Greensboro, N.C.

Emma m. Edwin Barber, of Richmond, Va.

George Townes m. res. Chatham, Va. Issue-William

John Foster m. res. Danville, Va. Issue: Catherine Rison  
Danville Hotel, Danville, Va.

Whitmel T. m. res. South Carolina

Sally m. Rev. John K. Cadey, res. Danville, Va.

(Ref. Clements "History of Pittsylvania County Virginia"

Published 1929, page 216.)



Ellery Rison (son of Ellery Rison, Revolutionary Soldier and his first wife , Elizabeth Rowlett )

b. Amelia County, Va. ; d.

m. November 1808, Frances Vasser (ref. Wm. & Mary Quarterly, Vol. 16, page 280

Issue : Jasper Vasser Rison

others ?

Jasper Vasser Rison

b. ca. 1810 or later ; d.

m. Julia Ann Cherry ( ref. " Tenn. The Volunteer State " by J. T. Moore and A. P. Foster, Vol. 3, page 113 )

Issue : John R. Rison b. Nov. 12, 1858 , Paris, Tenn.

others ?

Issue :

William Rison ( son of Ellery Rison, Revolutionary Soldier and his first wife Elizabeth Rowlett )

b. Amelia County , Va.

Ref. Amelia County , Va. Deed book 18, page 218

m.

Issue:



Richard Rison (son of Ellery Rison, Rev. Soldier and first Wife , Elizabeth Rowlett)

b. in Virginia ca. 1785

d. Will probated Smith Co., Tenn. May Term of Court, recorded June 25, 1839

m. 1802, Mary (Folly) Ponton (ref. "M. & Mary Quarterly, Vol 16,

p. 280, Amelia Co. Marriages. She was dau. of William Ponton.

Issue : James

Richard

Archibald (Archable)

Elizabeth (M. Shepard)

Mary (M. James C. Harrison or Harsen) b. d. 1830

Peter

Nancy

David

Henry

Mary Rison (dau.of Richard Rison and Mary Ponton)

b. d. 1830

m. ca. 1824, James C. Harrison

Issue : Elizabeth Harrison, b. Oct. 27, 1828, Smith Co. Tenn.

Frances Ponton Harrison, m. Dr. Alexander Manier

Elizabeth Harrison (Dau.of Mary Rison and James C. Harrison) b. Oct. 27, 1828, Smith County, Tenn.

m. April 8, 1845, David J. Chambers, son of Thomas McCutcheon Chambers

Issue :

Note: Mrs.C.W.Jenkins (Kathryn L. Chambers) is great granddaughter of Elizabeth Harrison and David J. Chambers



Issue of Richard Rison and Mary Ponton (continued)

2 sons who fought in Battle of New Orleans , War of 1812

Archibald .

son - not named

Archibald Rison b.d.1862

m. Martha Ribb,b.Huntsville, Ala. 1816

res. Carthage, Smith County, Tenn. and an early settler of Huntsville, Ala.

Issue : William R.

John L.

Wilson R.

William R<sup>4</sup> Rison (Confederate Soldier-1st Lt.,4th Ala. Cavalry)  
R

b.Jan.20,1837, Huntsville, Ala.

m. June 18, 1858, Maria L. Jones, dau.of Leroy and Mary Brandon Jones

Issue : Archie L. Rison

others?

Archie L. Rison

res. Member Firm of W.R.Rison & Son, Director of Huntsville Cotton Mill, Vice Pres.Dallas Mfg. Co.,engaged in Mercantile business in Aberdeen Miss. 1866.

Ref. "Memorial Records of Alabama" Vol. 2, p. 469-470

Richard Astbury Rison

b.1802 in Va. (1840 and 1880 census)

d. in California after 1880

m. \_\_\_\_\_ Leath ? from Georgia

residence; Aberdeen, Monroe County,Miss. ( 1840 census,1850) went to California in Gold Rush in 1849.



Issue: (all born in Georgia)

Fynetta Elizabeth Rowden Rison, b. 1826

Cordelia Rison, b.ca. 1828 , m. McKisseeck

Ann (or Elizabeth Ann) b.ca.1830, m. John Leath

Jarret Rison , b.1833

Martha Rison, b. 1833

Fynetta Elizabeth Rowden Rison, b.1826 in Georgia

d.1891, West Point, Troup County, Georgia

m.June 9, 1842(by Rev.Ephraim Pennington) to Jonathan Haralson

Issue : (all born in Georgia)

Elizabeth Ann Haralson, m.Leonidus Davenport

Herndon Wesley Haralson

James Fletcher Haralson

Thomas Coke Haralson

Jonathan Asbury Haralson, Jr.

Thomas Coke Haralson (above) -b.5/10/1851,Troup County, Ga.

d. 5/11/1889, West Point, Troup County, Ga.

m.Nov. 24,1870, Emma Lou Cotton,b.10/7/1853,d.5/11/1929

Troup County, Ga. ,dau.of Thomas Samuel Cotton and Rachel

Lucinda Oliver, a granddaughter of Rev.Smith Cotton,Meth. Min.

Issue : (all born in Troup County, Georgia)

Jarrette William Haralson

Dora Belle Haralson

Thomas Pierce Haralson

Jonathan Love Haralson

Charles Buckner Haralson



Peter Rison ( son of Ellery Rison, Rev. soldier and his first wife Elizabeth Rowlett

b. September 2, 1786 , in Amelia County, Virginia

d. Feb. 26, 1834 at Louisville, Kentucky

res. Franklin , Williamson Co., Tenn. - in mercantile business; served as 1st Sargeant in Capt. John Townes company, 1st Corp d'Elite, Randolph's Virginia Militia, War of 1812.

Ref. War Dept., Washington, D.C.

m.Jan.17,1814, Sallie Bibb Booker at Cedar Grove, Amelia County, Va. She was the daughter of Davis Booker and Nancy Bibb. She was born in Amelia Co., Va. on Aug.23,1789 and died at Cedar Grove , Amelia Co, Va. on August, 1841.

Issue :

Mary Ann Bibb Rison,b. Nov.20,1814

Sally Helen Rison , b. May 21,1817

Harriet Augusta Ellery Rison,b. Aug.28,1818,m.Clement Irvine

John William Rison,b. April 21,1820,m.Harriet Clifton

Nancy Bibb Rison, b. April 15,1822,m. James Snell

Virginia Davis Booker Rison,b. Oct.18,1824

Richard Davis Booker Rison,b. Oct. 17,1826

Ellery Rison , b. Oct.23,1828

John William Rison, b.April 21,1820,Amelia County, Va.

d.June 19,1886 at Perryville, Arkansas

res. Ferry County, Ark. and Pulaski County, Ark.

School teacher, lawyer and member of Legislature (Ark. 1861)

Educated at Male Academy under management of Rev. James N.

Otey, afterwards Bishop of Tennessee.

m. 1843, Harriet Carolina Clifton (Jones) b.Oct. 4,1822



at Wilson County, Tenn. ; died Sept. 14, 1901 at Little Rock, Pulaski County, Ark.

Issue:

Harriet Augusta Rison, b. 1844; m. 1st William Calloway

2nd. William H. Timmons

Nancy Virginia Rison, b. 1846, d. 1859

John William, b. 1848, d. at age of 14 or 15

Martha Elizabeth Rison, b. 1850, d. 1902, m. James A. Fones

Richard Ellery Rison, b. Oct. 21, 1852, at Perryville, Ark.

d. Aug. 19, 1935, at Perryville, Ark. m. 1st Emma Jane Scales, b. Feb. 12, 1855 at Linn Co. Missouri and died at Perryville, Ark. on Sept. 8, 1887. m. 2nd Minnie Furch.

Albert W. Rison, b. 1855, m. Lizzie Siler

Sallie Booker Rison, b. 1858, d. 1947, m. Josiah N. Belcher

George B. Rison b. 1861, m. Jeannette Adamson

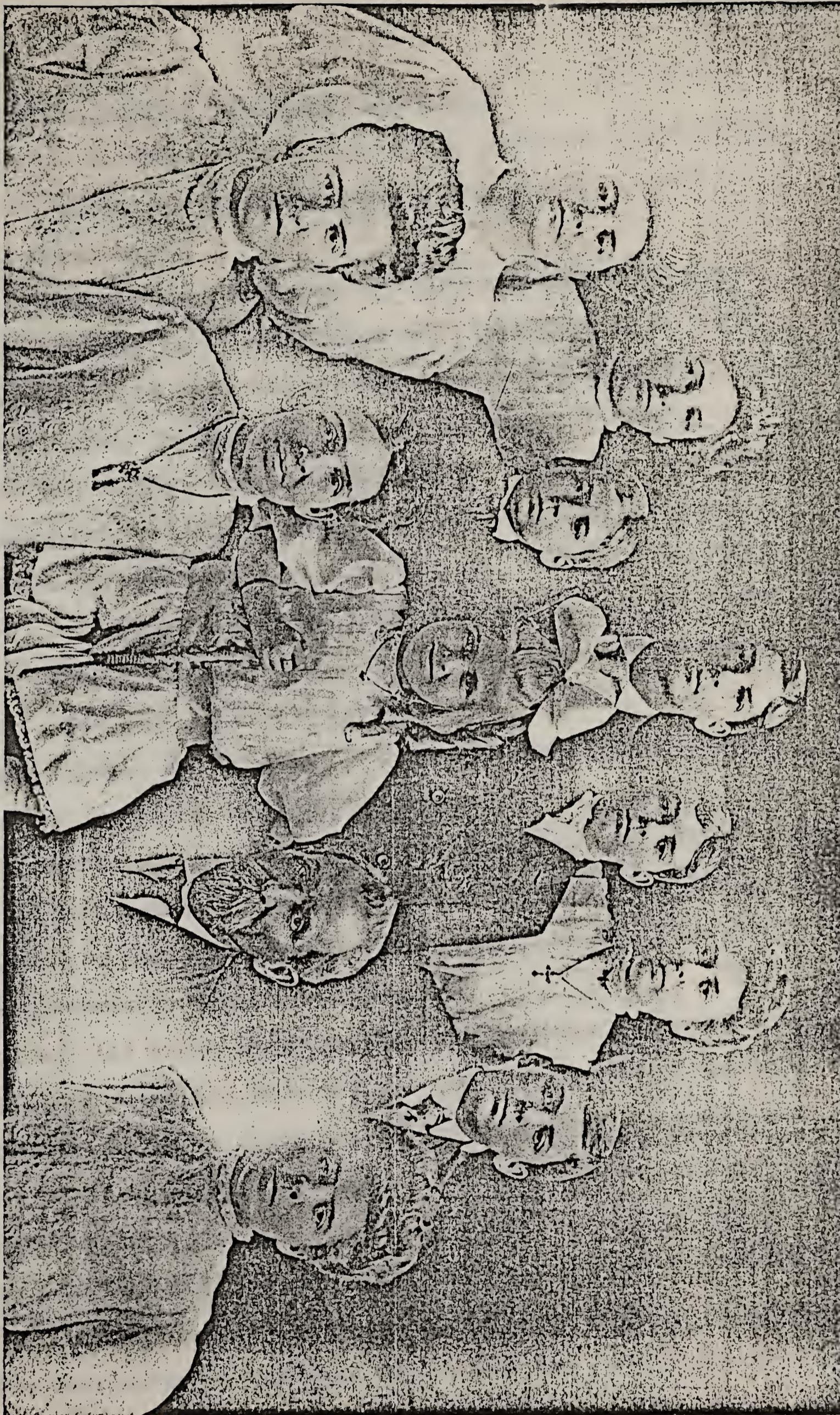
On next page see copy of Photograph of Mrs. And Mrs. J. N. Belcher and their 10 children.

The only daughter of Richard Ellery Rison was Mary Ethel Rison, b. August 1, 1877 at Perryville, daughter of his 1st wife Emma Jane Scales. Mary Ethel Rison married Richard Graham Lightle of Searcy, Arkansas on Aug. 3, 1898 at Perryville, Ark. There were two Daughters of this marriage- Marian Virginia Lightle and Elizabeth Furnette Lightle.

Richard Graham Lightle died Feb. 2, 1905. his widow Mary Ethel Rison Lightle married David Eugene Mitchell. There was one daughter of this marriage - Peggy Gene Mitchell. Mary Ethel Rison Mitchell died in Pueblo, Colo. on Oct. 23, 1953. ref. Hist. Ark. , Biographical & Hist. Memoirs, 1889 p. 692



THE JOE BELCHER FAMILY, ABOUT 1907



Front row, left to right: Elizabeth (Mrs. Eugene Swift, Santa Monica, California), Mrs. Joe N. Belcher (nee, Sallie Booker Rison), Sarah Bibb (Mrs. Byron W. House, Little Rock), Josiah Nichol Belcher, Estelle (Mrs. Robert T. Balch, deceased). Second row, left to right: Louise (Mrs. George F. McFadden, deceased), Anderson Mills (now living in Dallas), Robert Ambrose (now living in El Dorado), June C. (now living in Little Rock). Top row, left to right: Marguerita Fones (Mrs. Thomas L. Hill, now living in Santa Monica, California), Joe Belcher (deceased), Virginia Rison (Mrs. Edward C. Brock, now living in Little Rock). This written 1962.



The Joe N. Belcher Family of Little Rock

A copy of an article appearing in the September , 1962 issue of the Pulaski County Historical Society Review , Little Rock, Arkansas.

One of the pictures included in this issue shows the Joe N. Belcher family as it was around 1907 (see page 92 of these records). There were father, mother, and ten children.

Josiah Nichol Belcher was born on September 16, 1852, in Jefferson County, Arkansas, the son of James and Henrietta Johnson Belcher of Georgia. James Belcher came to Arkansas from Georgia when he was an orphan, 14 years old. He first lived on a farm in Jefferson County. Here he married Henrietta Johnson on December 25, 1840. They had eight children. Joe N. was next to the youngest.

James Belcher later bought a farm ten miles above Little Rock on the north side of the Arkansas River. Here he lived the rest of his life except during the Civil War when he moved to Little Rock and rented the home of ex-governor William S. Fulton, called "Rosewood Cottage located on the site where the Governor's Mansion now stands.

Joe was too young to enter the Confederate army, being only thirteen years old when the war closed. His oldest brother, Ambrose Devier Belcher, was in the Confederate army and was killed at Pilot Knob, Missouri. Joe attended the private academy of Moses Eastman. Later he attended St. John's College. In 1871 he was cited as one of the ten students to "attain first distinction" in their examinations. He later attended the University of Arkansas and Little Rock Commercial College.



After his father's death, for a few years Joe took charge of the farm. He then moved to Little Rock where he first worked as a clerk in a grocery store, then in the Post Office. He later served one year as deputy collector under Matt Worthen and four years as Deputy Sheriff under Anderson Mills and Horace Booker. Next he worked for the W.B. Worthen Bank for twenty-three years. It was then at Markham and Louisiana Streets. The last few years of his life he spent in retirement. He died at his home, 1406 Summit, September 15, 1933, the day before his eighty-first birthday.

On April 10, 1878, Joe Belcher married Miss Sallie Booker Rison of Little Rock. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and John William Rison, on Fifth and Arch Streets. The large brick home, which had tower and basement, had been purchased by Mr. Rison from James Hornibrook two years prior to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Belcher.

Mrs. Belcher was Sallie Rison, the daughter of John William and Harriet Clifton Rison who came to Arkansas from Virginia and Tennessee. Mrs. Belcher was born January 1, 1858, in Prairie County, Arkansas. After the Civil War the Rison family came to Little Rock to live and their first home, located at Fourth and Spring Streets, was bought from the Roswell Beebe estate. With her sister, Elizabeth, who became Mrs. J. A. Fones, Sallie Rison attended Mrs. Myra McAlmont's private school. She also attended the Little Rock Public Schools. The following extract from a memoir of her early life in Little Rock was written in 1950.



"My sister and I attended a school taught by Mrs. Myra McAlmont Warner. When the city opened free schools, my younger brother George and myself were sent to Peabody School, and then I went to the High School on Seventh and Sherman. I remember my days at Peabody very clearly. Prof. J.R. Rightsell was the principal. I remember it was the custom every morning to open school with devotionals. Prof. Rightsell would read a chapter from the Psalms, and then repeat the Lord's Prayer in unison. What a blessing to think that we had started the day right."

At the age of fifteen, in 1873, Sallie went with her father to visit in Virginia. She went again in 1875, and in 1876 she visited the World's "Centennial Exposition" at Philadelphia. In her memoirs she tells of the wonderful experiences brought her by these trips. In part she wrote, " It was all so curious to me, so many things I had never seen-every house in the country had a bake-oven in the yard somewhere: a large oven of brick and when baking day came once a week, a fire was made in this oven and when it had burned to hot coals, then the fire was pulled out with a long handled rake and the oven was swept with a long broom and then the loaves of bread which had been set to rise in baskets were placed on a long handled wooden paddle and put in the oven- of course taken out of the baskets. Pies were baked in this same way....." On the place was an icehouse where ice was put in the winter to keep for summer use..... There were many things to interest me." She tells of the wonders of the "Centennial Exposition" at Philadelphia, and of her trip to New York and up the Hudson to Albany, and of her return by way of Niagara Falls, Detroit, and Chicago.



Two years later, on April 10, 1878, she and Joe Belcher were married and went to the Belcher home ten miles above Little Rock to live. After a few years they moved back to Little Rock. They had eleven children, ten of whom appear in the picture. (page 92) For many years they lived at Fourth and Spring Street. Their later years were spent at 1406 Summit, now the home of June Belcher and Mrs. E.C. Brock. (Virginia Rison Belcher Brock) After she had finished raising her family, Mrs. Belcher (Sallie Booker Rison Belcher) was especially active in patriotic societies and in church work and civic organizations. For years she was a leader in the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the American Colonists, the Daughters of 1812, and the Arkansas Pioneers Association. She was also an active member of the Second Presbyterian Church. She died at her home, 1406 Summit Street, August 13, 1947, at the age of 89. Mr. and Mrs. Belcher are buried in Mount Holly Cemetery in Little Rock.

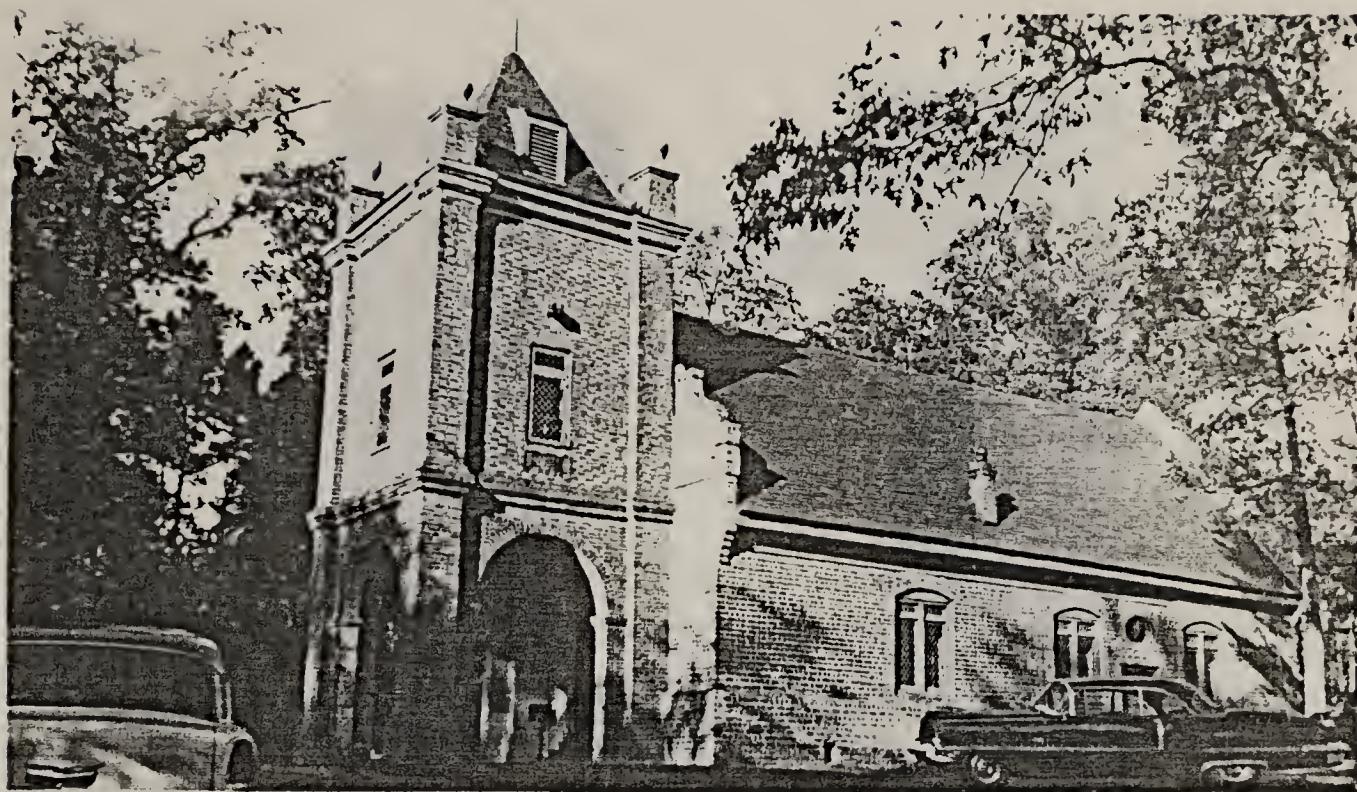
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Great-Aunt Sallie was proud of her descent from Col. Wm. Ball of Va. and her kinship to George Washington through Mary Ball's half sister Esther Ball.

Pictured on next page is St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Virginia where "Cousin George" as she called him and Martha were married.

Also pictured on next page is Virginia Rison Belcher Brock standing by portrait of her grand-father John William Rison at old family home at Terryville, Arkansas



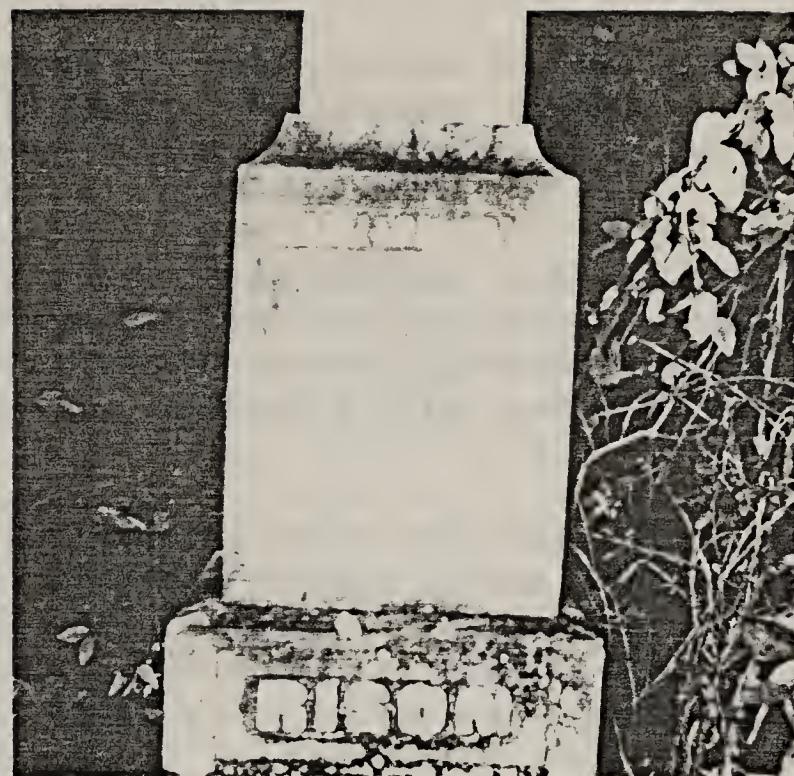


St. Peter's Episcopal Church

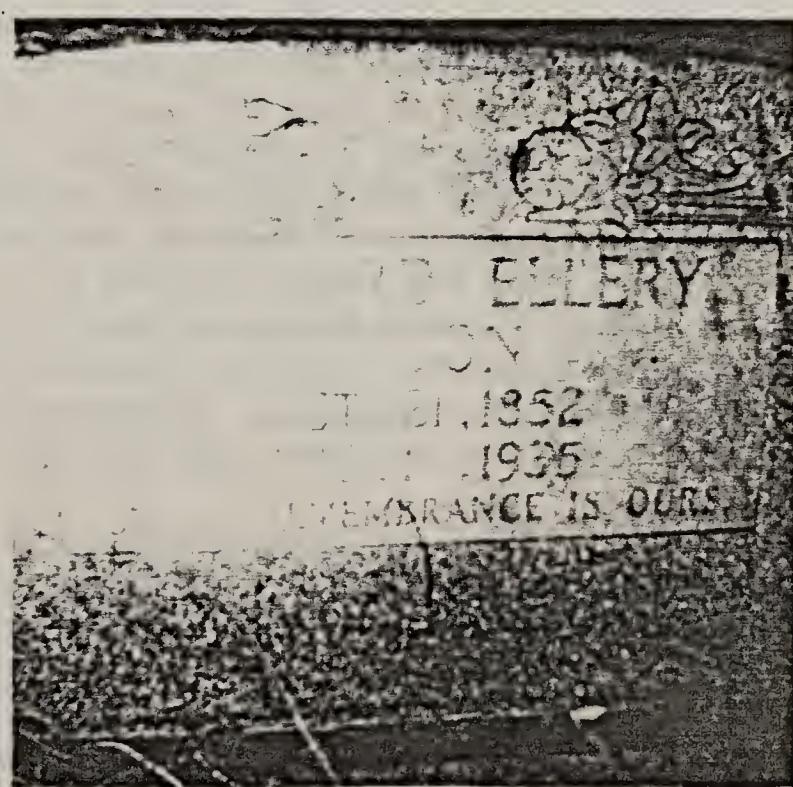


Portrait of John William Rison at home he built  
Perryville, Arkansas





Tombstone at grave of John William Rison  
Family Cemetery Perryville, Arkansas



Tombstone at grave of Richard Ellery Rison  
Family Cemetery, Perryville, Arkansas



JOHN WILLIAM RISON  
By Virginia Belcher Brock

John William Rison was born April 21, 1820 in Amelia County, Virginia. His parents were Peter Rison, born Sept. 2, 1786, died Feb. 26, 1834; married Jan. 17, 1814, Sallie Bibb Booker, daughter of Davis Booker and Nancy Bibb, born Aug. 23, 1789, died Aug. 1841 in Amelia County, Virginia.

At an early age he left with his parents and two sisters for Tennessee, where they settled in Franklin, Williamson County. Peter Rison had an older brother Ellery Rison living in Tennessee, also another brother Richard.

At the age of nine years John William entered as a student of the Male Academy under the control and the management of the Rev: James H. Otey (afterwards Bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee) and from him received almost his entire education, mastering Latin and Greek before his twelfth birthday.

About this time his father's death deprived him of the advantages of a college education, and with his widowed mother and two sisters returned to Virginia to a brother of his mother--R. D. Booker of Amelia. But his high tone sensitive nature rebelled at the feeling of dependence on a relative of affluence, and after a few months study in mathematics, (at what was styled an old field school) he sought and obtained empicymen in one of the first mercantile houses in Petersburg, remaining there until the firm changed in 1840. Then that strength which is born in the deep sensc of suffering hearts and intense feelings in the calmest actions predominated, he solicited the advice and approval of his mother, and determined to seek the west. With scarcely sufficient means to defray his expenses very far on horseback, he bade farewell to all he loved on earth, seeking for them in his bright sanguine expectations a home and independence, but he was freighted with a mother's prayers for success in life and a crown of immortality which was verified in his life and death. He stopped in St. Louis, Missouri, for several months and obtained some employment, but suffering with malaria he changed and accepted Arkansas as his adopted state. At the age of 22 years he came to Perryville and opened his law practice; he was also a school teacher. He was elected clerk of the Perry Circuit Court, which office he filled for upwards of twenty years. The first year of the war he was elected Representative of Perry County, and later joined the company of Roswell Beebe and L. T. Matheny, who organized a company at Perryville, and appointed John W. Rison Enrolling Officer, and afterward he was Commissary Officer of their company. Grandfather's day ledger shows that he supplied a company of Confederate soldiers with ammunition, as well as fitting them out with clothing and shces.

When he first went to Perryville he bought three square blocks of land and built his house of hewn logs on a rock foundation. It had two rooms on each side of a wide "dog-trot" (breezeway) and a porch that extended the full length of its front.

Soon after the house was finished, John Rison was married to Harriet Clifton Jones, in 1844, daughter of William and Martha Tucker Clifton, who were among Little Rock's earliest settlers. At once the house in Perry-



ville began to be the center of community affairs. In 1849 John Rison bought six lots across the road from his home and built a log store and a log school house, and opened the first real school the town ever had.

While John was busy with the above activities and serving two years in the State Legislature, Harriet was organizing a Sunday School and Methodist Church, both of which met in her living room in the winter and in the dog trot or on the porch in summer. Later she donated land for a church building, had materials for it delivered to the ground, and rounded up townsmen to construct it.

Her religious zeal never diminished. After the war, in 1865, she and John moved to Little Rock, bought and moved into the Roswell Beebe home at 4th and Spring Streets. In 1868, Harriet and a few other members of the Second Methodist Church at one time called Little Rock Station, organized still another, at first known as the City Mission. It is now Winfield.

She gave Galloway Methodist College (now Harding College) at Searcy the famous chimes that were destroyed a few years ago when the Administration Building burned.

In 1875 John W. bought the brick mansion which was the home of James Hornibrook at 5th and Arch Streets and lived there until just before his death. That is where the Coca-Cola factory is located now. Their daughter Sallie Rison Belcher was married from there, and her first child, Virginia Rison Belcher Brock was born there in that home.

When John was stricken with what he knew was his last illness he wanted to return to the old place in Perryville to die. He was too weak to make the trip overland and Fourche La Fave river was at too low a stage for steamers to navigate. John prayed day and night for rain to fall upriver and his prayers were answered. He was taken home on the boat and lived only less than a day but died happy. He was buried by the Masonic Lodge from the Methodist Church.

Harriet Caroline Clifton (Jones) was born Oct. 4th, 1822, and died Sept. 14, 1901. She was the mother of eight children, but lost one boy and one girl in their teens, but the others married and lived to ripe old ages.

When John W. Rison died, a Memorial was written for him and signed by Fay Hempstead, Sam W. Williams, and H. S. Rymal, Committee, which appeared in the Arkansas Gazette. It was written for the Masonic Lodge. I quote from this Memorial:

"Brother Rison was made a Mason in Western Star Lodge 102 in this city in 1866 and was many times Master thereof. In 1873-1874 he was appointed Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge, and was repeatedly appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the District.

"He was made a member of Union Chapter No. 2 and was High Priest during one term. He received degrees of Knighthood in the Commandry November



7th, 1867, and was eminent Commander in 1870. Upon the organization of the Grand Commandry in 1872, he was elected Grand Recordor, which office he held until November, 1879."

In a personal letter to my Mother, Fay Hempstead said Grandfather took a personal and kindly interest in him as a young man, when he came into Masonry; he gave up much of his time and leisure in patiently teaching him the lectures which were necessary for him to learn. More than once I attended at his home to receive instruction. His beautiful handwriting was my envy and the records that he made for us in those far-off days, still stand out clear and legible to the last word. His memory was something that excited astonishment, so accurate was it and undeviating. He could go over a subject again and again without a word or syllable misplaced. He was looked up to for guidance, and by none more so than myself.

Grandfather and Grandmother are buried in the family burying ground in the corner of the orchard at the old home place, which is now the home of Percy Rison and family, son of Richard Rison. It was in 1884 that Grandfather Rison deeded the log house to Richard. His son Percy and wife Edna have modernized the house; it has electricity, gas and running water, and is ready to shelter the Rison family for at least another hundred years.

Note: Since this article was written, Percy Rison passed away, on Jan. 3rd, 1961, and was buried in the family cemetery in the orchard. The funeral was Jan. 5th, 1961, from the Methodist Church in Perryville that his Grandmother organized.

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VIEWS OF LITTLE ROCK IN THE CIVIL WAR IN 1865



## Glimpses of Yesterday from Article in Arkansas Gazette

Harriet Clifton Rison, wife of John William Rison, was born in Wilson county, Tennessee, October 4, 1822, daughter of William Clifton and Elizabeth Tucker Clifton. She came to Arkansas in 1833, the eighth of eleven children, who had such old-fashioned names as Elizabeth, Atcley, Priscilla, Abigail, Edwin, Salathiel, Joshua, Harriet Caroline, Martha, Jane and William. Coming in Wagons, the Clifton family settled about 20 miles west of Little Rock near Fort Smith road. Following her marriage to John William Rison of Amelia county, Virginia, in 1843, Mrs. Rison went to Perryville to reside, where Mr. Rison taught school, engaged in general merchandise business and practiced law. He served as clerk of Perry county for many years. At the close of the war between the states Mr. and Mrs. Rison and their eight children came to Little Rock to reside at the house on Fourth and Spring streets, purchased from the Roswell Beebe estate. The family lived there until 1876 when Mr Rison bought the large brick home of James Hornibrook, Fifth and Arch streets. The strict discipline and the religious training in the childhood home of Mrs. Rison kept their impression throughout her life. She was strong in her convictions. She never attended a theatre and objected to card playing and dancing. She was a charter member of Winfield Memorial Methodist church and contributed freely to the church and calls of the needy. She gave \$1,000 toward the purchase of a clock and chimes for Galloway College during the first year of the late Dr. John H. Dye's presidency of that school. When the



college burned the clock and chimes were destroyed. Mrs. Rison died in Little Rock September 14, 1901, the date which marked the death of President McKinley. She was buried at the family burying ground at Perryville, near the old home. Mrs. J. N. Belcher, who was Sallie Rison, Richard E. Rison of Perryville and Albert Rison of Alabama are the three surviving of the eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Rison. The late Mrs. J. A. Fones of Little Rock was Elizabeth Rison. Mrs. Rison's husband, who was highly esteemed in the Masonic order as grand lecturer and recorder, was noted for his beautiful penmanship, by which many of the records are now preserved. He was the son of Peter Rison, officer of the War of 1812, and Sallie Fooker Rison, and some of his ancestors were Samuel Cobbs, Capt. William Bibb of the Revolutionary War and Col. William Fall, a protector of the American colonists against the Indians.

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Reminiscences by Virginia Lightle Elount, daughter of Mary Ethel Rison Lightle, as submitted to Atlanta Chapter No. 18 United Daughters of the Confederacy.

My grandfather, Richard Ellery Rison, was born in Perryville, Arkansas, on October 21, 1852 and died there on August 19, 1935, in the same house in which he was born. His father John William Rison served the Confederate Cause as Enrolling and later as Commissary officer of a company organized at Perryville by Roswell Beebe and L.T. Matheny.

Since Richard was a boy of only nine years at the beginning



of the War Between the States, the part he played in assisting the Southern Cause was a minor one. I have heard him tell of the time when a scouting company of Yankee soldiers was in the vicinity and he took the horses from his father's farm to a safe and secluded spot deep in the heavily wooded "bottom-land" near an Arkansas Bayou where he tied them and kept them quiet all day until the danger from the raiding party had passed.

Since his father, as Commissary Officer, often provided some of the food as well as ammunition, clothing and shoes for the company being enrolled and drilled at Perryville, it was not unusual for Richard to go with his father on deer hunts into the surrounding mountains. A pack of twelve deer hounds was kept at the family home which had been built by John William Rison soon after he came to Perryville in 1842. On the porch that extended the full length of the front, there were often deposited the frozen carcasses of from one to ten "bucks" after one of these winter hunting expeditions. Barbecued venison was a dish which appeared frequently on the family table.

As a young man, Richard took part in the Brooks-Baxter war of 1874 in Little Rock, when Gov. Baxter was ousted by Brooks, causing a gathering of about 3,000 armed men, volunteers from all parts of the state.

Grandfather Richard was quite a story teller and always when he was talking, Mother would "hush" the children saying "Wait till Grandpa is through" One impatient child said " But he never does get through".

Now it seems that these reminiscences around the six foot



fireplace piled high with burning oak and pine logs were all too few.

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### HYMN OF THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY

#### "Faith of our Fathers"

F.W. Faber

Henri F. Hemy, J.G. Walton

Faith of our fathers! living still  
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword:  
O, how our hearts beat high with joy  
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!  
Faith of our Fathers! Holy Faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark  
Were still in heart and conscience free:  
How sweet would be their children's fate  
If they, like them, could die for Thee!  
Faith of our Fathers!, Holy Faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! we will love  
Both friend and foe in all our strife  
And preach Thee, too, as love knows how,  
By kindly deeds and virtuous life.  
Faith of our Fathers! Holy Faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.



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